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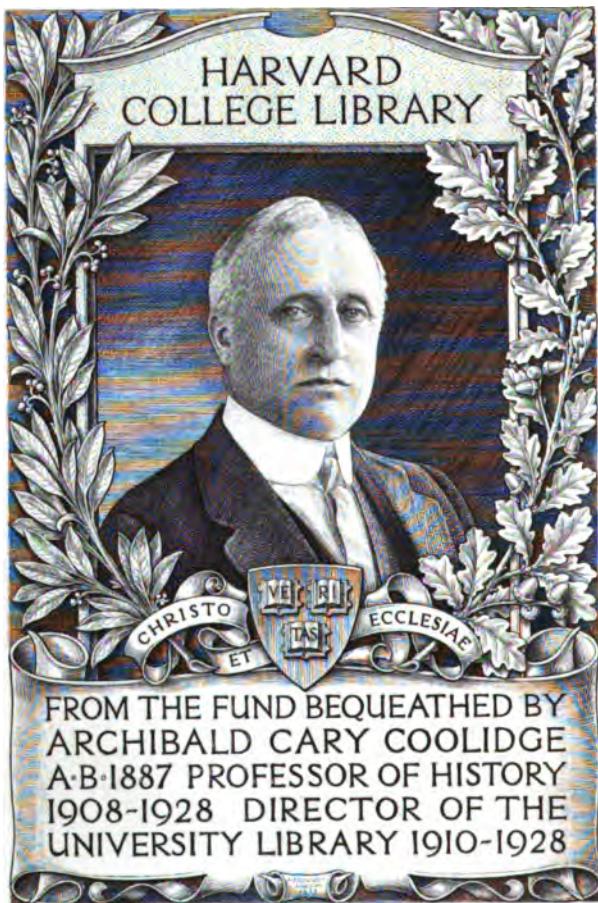
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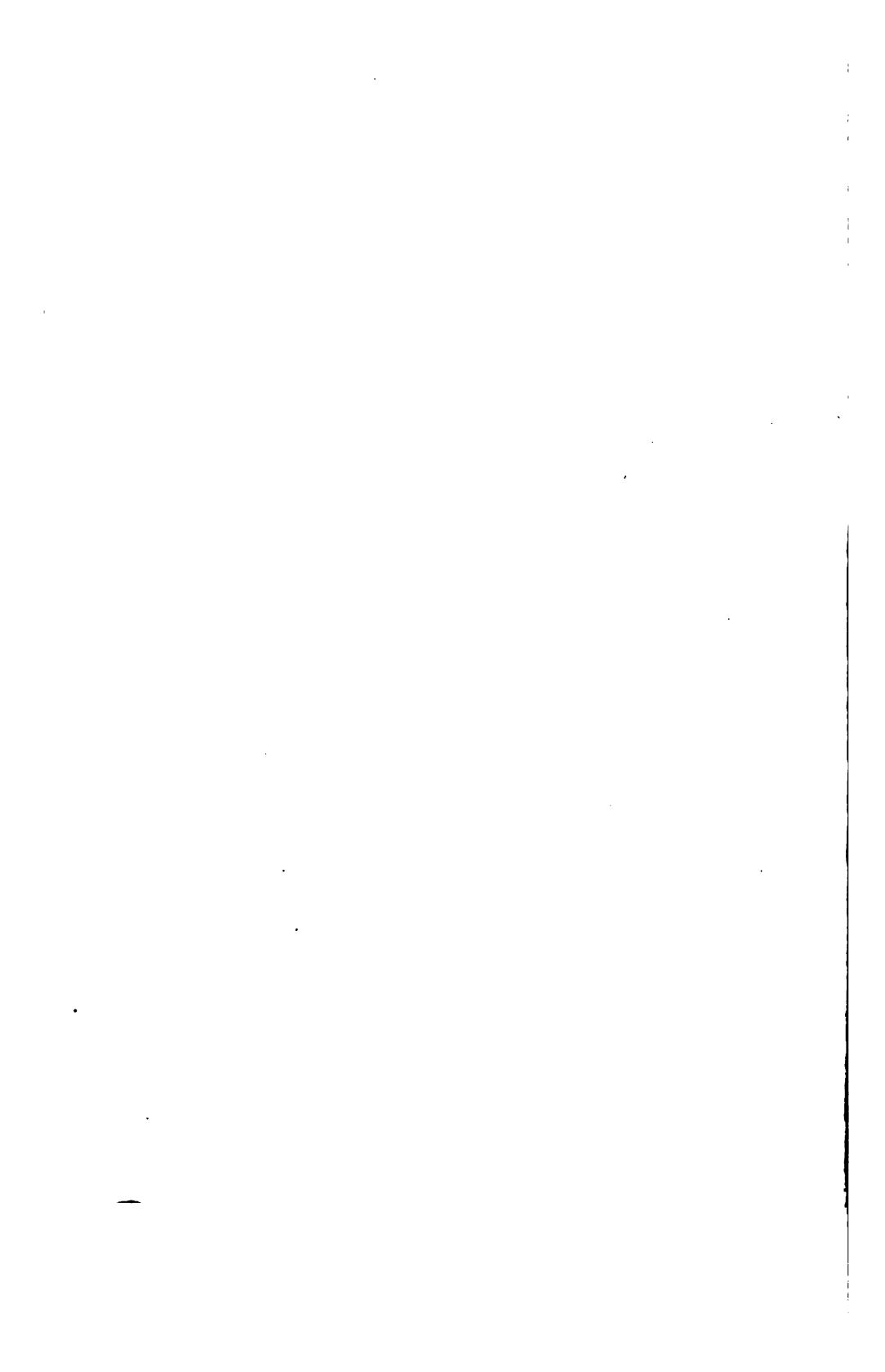
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P R E F A C E .

IN bringing the first volume of this work to its close it is only fitting that I should take the opportunity of tendering my hearty thanks to those who have kindly assisted me in this undertaking by contributing articles of local interest. At the same time I must confess to a sense of disappointment that the work has not received the support in the County which I anticipated, and consequently the contents are neither so varied nor, perhaps, so interesting as my readers would have wished. Those, in the County, who have contributed articles, may be numbered on the fingers of one hand, and were it not for the kindness of friends in various parts of England and abroad the compilation of this volume would have devolved solely on myself. It is, I think, a matter for regret that this should be so; that there should be so little interest manifested by the local Gentry and Clergy in matters of antiquarian and archaeological interest. Time is slowly, but surely, obliterating much of the records of the past, and I had hoped that this publication would have proved a medium, acceptable to many, for preserving these memorials of the past which are fast passing away.

I have before me the "Notes of the Bedfordshire Architectural and Archaeological Society" in 14 numbers, extending from 1853 to 1867; these papers contain a great variety of interesting articles from various contributors. I believe the

publication of this very useful work ceased from lack of sufficient support. My work was an attempt to follow this up and revive, if possible, an interest in the past history of this county which, be it remembered, has yet to be written, for up to the present the history of only one Hundred has been attempted, and that the "History of Willey Hundred" has been carefully edited by Mr. W. M. Harvey, of Goldington Hall. Reviewing then what I have above said, and also taking into consideration the fact that the number of subscribers has not yet reached a point sufficient to cover the expenses incident on the printing of this work, I venture to appeal to all those who take an interest in matters of this nature, and who are not yet subscribers to become so, and I need hardly add that I shall always be pleased to receive literary contributions of a suitable nature.

I may add, in conclusion, that I have prepared a full index, omitting pp. 103-122 as not being of local interest, the indexing of which would unduly extend the index. This, together with a Summary of Contents will, I hope, render the work useful for reference.

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INTRODUCTION.



THE Notes and Queries, which are here collected together in a convenient form for reference, appeared in the first instance in the *Bedfordshire Times and Independent*. The idea originated some two years ago amongst a few gentlemen who were interested in the archaeology of the county, and on application being made to the Editor of the above-named paper he very courteously consented to devote a column to that purpose.

Since then it has been thought desirable by those connected with the undertaking to reprint the articles that have appeared from time to time, in the form now presented to the reader.

In submitting Part I. of *Bedfordshire Notes and Queries* to those subscribers who have given this undertaking their kind support the Editor takes this opportunity of thanking them, and especially those who have rendered material assistance in a literary way.

Every page has been carefully revised, and all errors where detected have been rectified; but as some may have escaped notice, the Editor will be glad to receive communications from those who may note any.

The responsibility of providing material to keep the undertaking going has, so far, devolved upon a very limited number; the Editor therefore hopes that those who are concerned in the archaeology, &c., of this county will give their assistance by forwarding articles, notices, &c., of any important discoveries, or on any matters of antiquarian or historical interest, connected with the county. As an indication of what would be acceptable, the following subjects are suggested:—Notices of local customs, provincial sayings; extracts from parish registers, and old churchwardens' account books; transcripts of old inscriptions on brasses, monuments, &c.; notes on heraldry, on glass windows, and on tombs; notices of scarce books of local interest; extracts from court rolls, old deeds; rubbings of brasses; list of field names from old terriers, &c., &c.

As it is possible that many who might contribute to this work are prevented from doing so, from being unable to decipher the earlier styles of writing, the Editor begs to intimate that any old documents, &c., entrusted to him will be carefully preserved, and returned as soon as done with.

Communications of the foregoing character will be thankfully received by the undersigned.

F. A. BLAYDES.

Tilsorth,

Leighton Buzzard.



BEDFORDSHIRE NOTES AND QUERIES.

TILSWORTH.—In this church are two ancient incised slabs, belonging to the first half of the XIVth century. They both have Norman-French inscriptions in Lombardic characters. One is in memory of Adam de Tullesworth (by-the-way, can anyone give me any information as to who he was?), and is engraved by Fisher, and mentioned by Lysons; the other, of which I have seen no mention in any printed work, forms the lintel of a small two-light window in the south side of the chancel, where may be traced the outline of an arch, which has evidently, at some former period, opened into a chantry, or mortuary chapel. This arch is now built up. On this stone there are only nine letters visible, the remainder of the inscription being built over. Fortunately, these letters comprise the name of the individual to whose memory the stone was originally placed in the church. The letters remaining are "**MORTEYN CY.**" The Morteyns held the manor of Tillsworth temp. Ed. III. and Ric. II., and it passed from them to the Chamberleynes, one of whom, Elizabeth, was the wife of John Morteyn.—F. A. BLAYDES.

HOCKLIFFE.—At the White Horse inn, in this parish, is some fine old wood carving, said to have come from Toddington Manor. Can anyone of your readers assist me in identifying the following inscription and coat of arms, &c., which form part of the work? The inscription especially has puzzled me, and all my friends to whom I have shown it. It is in such quaint characters that I can only pretend to give an approximate reading of it, which is as follows:—“JOHN HAVIL DWYL ING IN CAR SY” I am doubtful of the spacing, and also of the 10th letter, which is like a small *delta*. The coat of arms is three bull’s heads couped at the shoulders. There is also a crest apparently this: on a wreath—a leopard passant collared and chained. Also on a rude representation of a shield are the following letters: “S H E.” The style of letters appears to be a debased Lombardic. I may mention that on a carved beam in one of the rooms is the date “1566.” A plate containing all the above has been engraved by Fisher, but as I have never yet received a satisfactory explanation of the above hieroglyphics I am induced to send this to you, hoping someone will be able to solve the difficulty.—F. A. BLAYDES.

NEWSPAPER CUTTINGS, 1678-1684.

These are to give Notice, That for the convenience of carrying Letters to *Bedford*, and Parts adjacent, a post is designed to run three times a week between *London* and *Bedford*, by the way of *Brickhill* and *Amphill*, and from *Bedford* to *London*; as often the Stage from *Brickhill* to *Bedford*, will begin on Saturday the 20th of this instant *July*, and from *Bedford* to *London* on the 21 day of the same month; the Post house at *Bedford* will be the *Swan*

Inn, and the Letters for *Amphill* will be left at the *White-Hart* at *Amphill*, by Mr. *Anthony Rush*, Postmaster at *Bedford*.—(1678).

Stolen or strayed from *Amphill Town* in *Bedfordshire*, in the Month of *March* last, from the Right Honourable the *Lord Bruce*, a young Fox Hound Bitch, White, with one Grizlish broad spot on her left Shoulder, her Head sharp, and her Stern cut; Whosoever will bring her, or give notice of her, to *Mr. Earnley* of *Sauernakle Forrest* in *Wiltshire*, to *Mr. Curtis*, Mealmay at *Smithfield Barrs, London*, to *Mr. Hylliard* at *Croydon* in *Surrey*, or to his Lordship's Huntsman at *Amphill* aforesaid, shall have a Guinea reward.—(1680).

Stolen the 11th instant out of a Stable of *Mr. James Brand*, in *St. Peter's Parish* in the Town of *Bedford*, two Geldings, one a brown Bay near 8 years old, 14 hands high, well shaped, his Mane shorn half way, and almost grown again, bob tail, a blaze on his Face, a slip down his Nose, and all his Paces. The other a young one, three years old, near 15 hands high, of a darkish colour, which will be an Iron-Grey, grizled about the Face, bob Tail, one white Foot behind, a little swelling on his farther knee before, Trots all; Whosoever gives notice of them, either to the aforesaid *Mr. Brand*, or to *Mr. Richard Smith* at the *Goat* upon *Snow-hill* shall have 40s. reward.—(1680).

Stolen on Thursday *September* 22nd out of the Church-yard, in *Clifton*, in the County of *Bedford*, about a mile from *Shefford*; a Sorrel Mare, about 13 hands high, a Star in her Forehead, a bob Tail, Trots all, and Gallops well, a little low Back'd, broken Winded, and with Foal, supposed to be stolen by one in a white Camblet Coat, in a long Periwig, Pock-holes in his Face, ruffle Sleeves, and one who pretends to buy Live Hair to make Periwigs.

Whosoever shall give notice of this Mare, either to Mrs. *Brown* at the Parsonage House in *Clifton*, or to Mr. *Henry Cushe* at the *Jerusalem Tavern* on *Clerkenwell-Green*, so that she may be restored to the Owner, shall have 20s. reward.—(1681).

On Sunday the first instant in the Evening, a Coach was robbed betwixt Dunstable and Market-street by six Highway-men, who took away a black Gelding 14 hands and half high, all his paces, his Mane half shorn, cut Tail, nine years old, hath a Star on his Forehead and a little Wen on his Buttock, about the bigness of a Nutmeg, with a Saddle covered over with black Cloth, but the seat under it of Red Velvet. Whoever brings notice of him to Mr. William Richards over the Cock in Bow-street, or to Mr. Roles Apothecary in Henrietta-street in Covent-Garden, shall have two Guineas for a reward.—(June, 1684).

A Gentleman was rob'd on Saturday the 28th of June last, near Dunstable by three Highway-men, of a brown bay Mare about 13 hands and a half high, six years old, with a white heel behind somewhat flat rib'd, and paceth naturally; the saddle had a Leather cover, having a Crupper with yellow Studs. Whoever gives notice of her, so as she may be had again, to Mr. Wright at the Three Sugar Loaves against Fetter Lane in Fleet-street, or to Mr. Sam's at the White Horse in Dunstable, shall have 20s. reward—(1684).

The humble Address of the Lieutenant, Deputy-Lieutenants, Justices of the Peace, Military-Officers, Clergy, Gentlemen, and Freeholders of Your Majesty's County of Bedford.—Dread Sovereign.

Besides the gratitude we owe to God, the Duty where-with we stand bound to your Majesty doth at this time call upon us to express the great sense we have of your

Majesties Princely Goodness, Justice, and Mercy, which ever since your most blessed and happy Restauration has been such, as was of it self enough to fix in our hearts a most firm belief of a constant enjoyment of those unspeakable Blessings which have been derived upon us from the benign Influence of your Majesties most equal and prudent Government. But your Majesties late Gracious Declaration, as it hath made us the most obliged, so should we be the most ungrateful people in the World, if we did not profess (what we here in all humility do) our most hearty and thankful Resentment of the Royal assurance you are pleased to give us therein to remove all the reasonable fears and causless Jealousies which some ill men (whose attempts we abhor and detest) have endeavoured to insinuate into the people thereby to alienate their Allegiance from your Majesty, and to subvert the Government of both Church and State—when-as those very persons that would blow these distrusts into the minds of your Loyal Subjects, have taken the ready way themselves to bring in that which they accuse others of, as well as by weakening your Majesties Prerogative (which by Law we are bound to support) as by defaming the true Sons of the Church of *England*, which (as now established) is the best, if not the only Bulwark against Popery: That your Majesty may see we are not swaid by any such seditious and factious designers we do assure your Sacred Majesty, That we will (as in duty and conscience bound) stand by You to the utmost hazard of our Lives and Estates, in the Preservation of your Sacred Person, your Heirs and Lawful Successors, and the Government in Church and State, as it is now established by Law. We humbly beg your Majesties acceptance of this Dutiful Address and ready Resolution of us Your Majesties most Obedient,

Faithful and Loyal Subjects.—Signed by about Two Hundred Persons.—(June 1681).

Bedford, July 19 (1684).—His Majesty having been Graciously pleased upon the Surrender of our Charter to Grant us a New one, it was this day brought to us, by the Right Honorable the Earl of Ailsbury our Recorder, accompanied with the Deputy-Lieutenants, Justices of the Peace, and a very great number of Gentlemen, and met about two miles from the Town by the whole Body thereof, making in all near 500 Horse. After the reading of the Charter, his Lordship was pleased to let us know how great His Majesty's Grace and Favour had been to us (although undeservedly) and how highly we were obliged from thence both to approve ourselves Eminently Loyal, and continue so for ever: It being at the same time the Town Quarter Sessions the Deputy-Recorder in his Charge to the Grand Jury, spake much to the same effect. After a Splendid Entertainment for his Lordship and the Gentlemen who came with him, the Mayor, Aldermen, and whole Corporation, returning their Thanks to his Lordship for Honoring the Town with his Presence, did intreat him with their most humble Duty and Thanks to assure His Majesty of their steady Loyalty for the future. The Grand Jury likewise waited on his Lordship to desire the same on behalf of themselves and the whole Town.

His Majesty hath been Graciously pleased by his New Charter, to grant to the Town and Corporation of Bedford two New Fairs to be kept Yearly, the one on Thursday next after Michaelmas day on the North side of the River in the said Town, the other on the Tenth day of April on the South side of the same River.—(1684).

BEDFORD.—**ST. PAUL'S, PARISH REGISTERS.**—**SIR WILLIAM HARPER, &c.**—It is with very great pleasure that I hail the welcome appearance of a nook in the *Bedfordshire Times and Independent* for “*Local Notes and Queries.*” I for one will do what I can towards contributing to it, and from time to time give a few entries from some of the registers of the parishes in and around Bedford. To commence with St. Paul's, which may be, I suppose, considered as the mother church of the Borough of Bedford, the earliest register books appear to consist of two, commencing in 1565, the one being a copy of the other; in that which I consider to be the original one the burials are entered as such, whilst in that which I take to be a copy, the entries are as “deceased,” and not as “buried.” What the object of this copy was does not appear; there is, however, one very remarkable instance to be mentioned in connection with it. In the original, or as we will for the future style it (No. 1.) Book, there is no entry of the burial of Sir William Harper at all, whilst in the copy or (No. 2.) Book there is an entry of his having “deceased,” not as being “buried,” in a totally different handwriting to the other entries, and of a more modern appearance both as to the character and ink, which leads to the question whether Sir William Harper was really ever buried in St. Paul's or not. I myself have for some time been very doubtful on the point, although in his will he certainly expressed a wish to be so—“To be buried within the parish church of St. Paul's, Bedford.” At the same time he left no bequest of money towards defraying the expense of transporting his body from London, which would in those days have probably been considerable, and he leaves only black gownes to his “well beloved friends Will'm Albany, Thomas Rigge, Thomas Muschampe, Humphrey Stephens,

Edward Thorne (his widow's 2nd husband), and Richard Lethers my wife's brother if they will take the paines to be present at my buriall at Bedford to ev'ye of them a black gowne." I suspect that we shall someday discover that he was really buried in some London church, as his first wife Dame Alice was undoubtedly so on the 15th October, 1569, in the north aisle of the church of St. Mary Woolnoth (see parish registers of that church). That his second wife Dame Margaret outlived him for a very considerable time there is proof in existence, as from Colonel Chester's collections of marriage licences taken from a series of Act Books at Somerset House, (See *Ns. and Qs.*, 6th S. i. 323), we find that in September, 1583, Edward Maxie, of Orsett, co. Essex, and Dame Margeret Harper, widow, relict of Edward Thorne (whose will was dated 19 Jan., and proved 20 Feb., 1582-3, so that the good lady was not long in providing herself with a third husband), had a licence from the Bishop of London to marry at any church or chapel in the diocese of London; and therefore, although on the brass in St. Paul's Church put up to Sir William's memory it states that both he and his second wife were buried in that church, I think myself it is very doubtful if he himself was so, and almost a certainty that Dame Margaret was not. Whilst speaking of the above brass I may note that the late Mr. John Gough Nicholls considered the figure of Sir William Harper being in armour with an aldermanic gown over it as an unique example of its kind on a brass, though there are certain examples of it in effigies. This note has grown so much longer than I intended when I commenced that I must defer to another issue any extracts from the registers.—
D. G. C. ELWES.

NEWSPAPER CUTTINGS, 1769-1812.

DUNSTABLE.—Whereas JOHN MARSHE DICKINSON, of Dunstable in the County of Bedford, Esq. ; having assumed and pretended to be the husband of me the underwritten ELIZABETH MACIE, of Weston in the county of Somerset, widow. A suit has therefore been instituted by me, against the said John Marshe Dickinson, in the Consistory Court of the Bishop of London, in order, that the said John Marshe Dickinson may, by the Judge of the said Court, be admonished to desist from any such pretensions; and which suit is now depending. This public notice is therefore given by me, to caution all persons from accepting or taking any Conveyance or Assignment of any part of my estate or property, from the said John Marshe Dickinson, in right of, or under pretence of being the lawful husband of me the said ELIZABETH MACIE.—*Morning Chronicle*, Nov. 25, 1769.

BIGGLESWADE.—June 20, 1785.—Whereas on Thursday the 16th instant, about noon, a Fire broke out at Biggleswade, in the county of Bedford, which, notwithstanding every exertion of the inhabitants of that, as well as the neighbouring towns, in the space of four hours consumed more than one hundred and twenty houses, nine malting-houses, many stables, barns, granaries and other buildings, and the Dissenting Meeting House. The whole of the loss upon the nearest calculation amounts to £22,500 of which sum £15,500 appears to be insured. The urgent distress of the poor sufferers obliges us to apply to the publick for relief. It is recommended to such charitable persons as are willing to contribute to this charity, to pay their donations to Messrs. Bland, Barnett, Hoare, and Hill, Bankers, Lombard-street ; Messrs. Smith, Wright, and

Gray, Bankers, Lombard-street; Messrs. Biddulph, Cox, and Co., Bankers, Charing Cross; and to Mr. Dennis Herbert, Merchant, in Biggleswade.—Upper Offory, Geo. Osborne, William Pym, Charles Barnett, James Harvey, Phillip Monoux, Geo. Gibson, Mat. Rugeley, Charles Franklyn, James Underwood.

Mr. Whitbread, jun., is wittily called the *froth* of the lower assembly. The same was observed by the late Duke of Bedford, of Mr. Whitbread's father, when he put up for the town of Bedford. "Pray sir," demanded the aristocratic peer, "what are you?"—"A brewer, my lord," answered the candidate.—"A brewer; why then we shall certainly have some *froth* in the house."—"True, please your grace, but remember the *froth* is always *uppermost*."—(1793).

Last Sunday se'nnight the Marchioness of Grey had a very narrow escape from an accident which too frequently proves fatal. Her Ladyship was reading in the evening in her apartment in Wrest House, in Bedfordshire; when her cap communicating suddenly with the candle took fire: she had, however, recollection enough to suppress the flames before she received any material injury. Her alarm, notwithstanding, was so great, as to produce an indisposition, which caused the return of Lady Bell Pol-worth, who had but a short time departed from Bedfordshire.—(Dec., 1791.)

On the 4th ult. at Shefford, Bedfordshire, the Rev. C. Taylor, many years officiating Clergyman of the St. George's Catholic Chapel, at that place; "he was (says a Correspondent) a benevolent man, who loved his country,

and was a kind friend to suffering humanity, taking great pleasure to instruct the humble and illiterate. His profound and universal erudition, with his wit and urbanity, secured him the esteem of persons of the most eminent distinction ; his numerous friends and acquaintance, with those who have profited by his pious and exalted labours, bear testimony to the many amiable virtues which he always exerted for the honour of God and the welfare of his fellow-creatures!"—(1812).

LEIGHTON BUZZARD.—THE PROPOSED PAXTON MEMORIAL.—The members of the Leighton Buzzard Working Men's Mutual Improvement Society have had a meeting at the Cedars, the residence of Mr. J. D. Bassett, where they presented an address to Lord Charles J. F. Russell, advocating his lordship's suggestion, made at the inauguration of the recent industrial exhibition, to establish in this town an educational and popular institute, to be associated with the name of the late Sir Joseph Paxton, as we have before mentioned. It was resolved in course of the proceedings, "that the proposed memorial shall be called 'The Paxton Institute,' and shall be devoted to the advantage of the working classes and the inhabitants of the locality generally." A committee was appointed to carry into effect the proposed Paxton Institute.—(1868).

Some remarkable Passages in the Life and Death of Mr. John Mason, of Water Stratford, 1694: An impartial account of John Mason, 1695. In 1 vol., 4to.

Extracts &c Historical Account of the Great Level of the Fens, called Bedford Level. Map, large paper. Two boards bound. £1s.—Lynn, 1791.

Roman and Roman-British Remains at and near Bedford Bedfordshire. By Mr. H. Taylor. 2 plates bound.

Roman-British Remains in the Middles of Two Subsidiary Vessels found in Warden Bedfordshire. By Professor Horwitz. 2 plates £1.

BEDFORD.—St. Paul's PARISH REGISTER.

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In continuation of my last I will now proceed with some entries from the registers of the above parish that occur in Book No. I. The first entry that appears in it is:—

1665. August. Jacob Lawrence bapt. xxvii date.

November. Dye fiddlers bapt. the xxvij. date.

Anne Beach . . . m bapt. same date.

1666. November. Alexander Waller bapt. xxvij. date.

1667. March. Elizabeth Tomeson bapt. the xxvth date.

I have made a note of this name on account of its similarity to the maiden name of Dame Alice, Sir William Harper's first wife, which was *Tomeson*; it is just possible that it is the same name spelled wrong and that her ladyship was a native of the town.

Robart, Ane Egyptian, an Egyptian? bapt. same date.

April.—John, Ane Egyptian, an Egyptian? bapt. xxvith date.

[The above two entries have puzzled me exceedingly, and until I showed them to Mr. Blaydes, of Hockliffe Lodge, I could make nothing of them; he, however, suggests that they were gipsies, which I think a very probable conjecture, particularly as he says he has more than once come across the entries of gipsies being baptized in other Bedfordshire parishes. I know that this race of people are particular about being baptized, and I believe also that they like to be buried in consecrated ground. I know of one instance that came under my notice in Nutfield parish, co. Surrey, of a gipsy child receiving a very curious name, which the mother was very particular as to the spelling of. She gave the name to the clergyman as Yew. He naturally thought she meant Hugh; however, such was not the case, and she insisted on having it entered as she wished, and the reason she gave was that the child had been born under a yew-tree.]

July.—Petter Beachame, bapt. the xxvith daie.

August.—William Huxly, bapt. the xxiiij. daie.

Septemb.—Robartt Lawe and Elsebeth Malcott maried the xxiiijth daie.

Richard Hemeinge and Annes Knott maried the xxxjth daie.

Wm. Taylor and Katherin Parker maried the xxvth of Novemb.

1568. Decemb.—Alexander Wallar buried the second.

1569. June.—Petter Beauchame buried the xvij. June.

August.—Margrett Gurney burried xxvth daie.

Sept.—Georg Huxly burried the vi. Septembr.

Judeth Weatherfield bapt. the xxviith daie.

[I may mention here that the name of Becket, as also the very peculiar one of Beast, frequently occur in these registers, also that the baptisms, burials, and marriages are all mixed up together, and that the entries I am giving are only selections of my own, and not the consecutive ones of the registers.]

1571-2. Janij.—George Wallar bapt. the xith daie.

Elcebethe Paradin bapt. the xxvith.

1571. Annes Wallar Bapt. the xth Marche.

[Inserted in different ink and handwriting to the other entries.]

1572. Maij.—Richard ffraill, bapt. the xvij. daie.

Junij.—Thomas Wallar bapt. the xxijjth.

August.—Thomas Norman And Duglace Hyatt
maried the xxth daie.

Winefred Spencer bapt. the xxth.

Novemb.—Robartt Parradin bapt. first daie.

Thomas Newton bapt. the xvij. daie.

1573. July.—Edward Beach-hm bapt. the xxijjth.

Janij.—William Newton bapt. the xvijth Janij.
(1573-4)

1574. August.—John Beast bapt the xxvth daie.

Octob.—Winefred Dall bapt. the first of Octob.

Novemb.—Susant Stanton bapt. the xvijth daie.
John Walcott bapt. the xxij. Novemb.

Decemb.—William Turvall bapt. the xxixth daie.

Elnor. Spencer bapt. the xxvijjth.

Janij.—Margrett Alderman bapt. the vth daie
(1574-5).

1576. March.—Mr. Bedford, p'son. of St. Cutbards and
vick' of St. Paulles bured the xvijj daie. (1576-7)

April.—George Alderman and Joan Allen married the xxth of Aprell.

Thomas ffostocke bapt the xiiiij daie.

Maij.—Thomas Crowutt Buried the xvijth daie.

August.—William Burnett And Ane Gibbens married the third daie of August.

Septem.—Harie Crowtt Buried the first daie.

Dorythy ffaldo bapt. the xiiiij daie.

Novemb.—Martha Scoot buried the xij. daie.

Kathren Bredeman bapt. the xiij daie, buried the xvijth.

Thomas Collope And Elcebethe Read married the xiiijth daie.

Edward Croot buried the xvijth daie.

Elcebethe Harvey buried the xvijth.

Richard Weatherfield and Elcebeth Phradin married the xxiith daie.

William Sibthupp bapt. xxiiijth.

Kathreen Hawkins burried the xxvijth.

Decemb.—Andrewe Hawkins burried iiijth daie.

John Pyper bapt. the viith daie.

Robart Blosome bapt. the same daie.

Christophr. Hawkins burried the xiiiijth.

ffebriuij.—Robartt Paradin burried the xxth (1576-7).

D. G. C. ELWES, F.S.A.

COLMWORTH, MANOR FARM.—Mr. R. B. Stafford has kindly brought to my notice the following inscription cut on a piece of wood built into the wall of an upper room in the above farm house:—

IMPENSIS
DNAE
CATHERINA DEYER
ME FECIT EDMVNDVS IBBOT
ARCHITECTOR
1609.

Which we may translate Edmund Ibbot, architect, made me at the expense of the Lady Catherine Deyer in 1609. On turning to Lyson's account of the parish of Colmworth it will be found that in the church "a very sumptuous monument" was erected in 1641 by Lady Dyer to the memory of her husband Sir William Dyer Knt: with a very quaint inscription on it stating "that they multiplied themselves into seven children," and a long piece of poetry, so quaint that I think it would be a pity not to reproduce it in our Notes:—

" My dearest dust, could not thy hasty day
Afford thy drowsy patience leave to stay
One hour longer, so that we might either
Have sat up, or gone to bed together :
But since thy finish'd labour hath possess'd
Thy weary limbs with early rest,
Enjoy it sweetly, and thy widowe bride
Shall soon repose her by thy slumbering side ;
Whose business now is only to prepare
My nightly dress, and call to prayer.
Mine eyes wax heavy, and the day grows old,
The dew falls thick, my blood grows cold ;
Draw, draw the closed curtains, and make room,
My dear, my dearest dust, I come, I come."

One of the above seven children was named Ludovick, and on 8 June, 1627, during the lifetime of his father was created a Baronet. He married Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Henry Yelverton, Knt., but dying without issue in

1670 the Baronetcy became extinct. The Lady Catherine Dyer at whose expense this house was evidently built was a daughter and coheir of John Doyley, of Merton, in Oxfordshire. The family of Dyer does not appear to have belonged to this county at all, but to that of Huntingdon, in which, at Great Stoughton, their estate was situated. It would seem probable that Sir William gave up the paternal roof at Stoughton to his eldest son, and came to live at Colmworth, which was probably purchased with his wife's fortune.

D. G. C. ELWES, F.S.A.

ELSTOW CHURCH.—I see in a recent issue of the *Church Times* a letter headed as above, signed S. P. E. S., Stevenage, drawing attention to the "somewhat doubtful restoration this church is undergoing at the hands of a local builder." It is earnestly to be hoped that this beautiful edifice, one of the few interesting relics of the past remaining in this county, will be restored in a manner consonant with the general features of the building. The church, which is dedicated to St. Mary and St. Helen, contains mixed styles of architecture, principally Norman and Early English. Being recently in the neighbourhood, I took a stroll as far as Elstow with the special object of inspecting the church and the interesting ruins adjacent. I found the work of repair actively going on, but I much fear that unless some precautions are taken to protect the ancient brasses close to the south-east door of the church they will suffer material damage, as I noticed they are right in the track of the workmen going in and out of the building, and their rough boots will not tend to render the fast vanishing inscriptions more legible. Some sacking and a

few boards placed over them would effectually protect them from any damage of this kind. It should also be noted that some workmen have a strange desire of appropriating such "trifles." A great many brasses were lost some time ago during some works of restoration at Dunstable Priory Church. The brass to Dame Elizabeth Hervey is peculiarly interesting, owing to the fact that there is *only one other brass* of an Abbess known, viz., at Denham, Bucks., to Dame Agnes Jordan, Abbess of Syon, and according to Browne Willis, an eminent antiquary, the brass at Elstow, above-mentioned, is the oldest known; that is—of an Abbess. During my visit I noticed a human skull and some bones, which had been dug out from one of the holes made to receive a scaffolding pole: it is to be hoped that they have been decently re-interred. I also observed, with great astonishment and regret, a man (one of the workmen, I presume) calmly smoking his pipe in the sacred edifice, apparently utterly unconscious of the indecency, not to say profanity, of his act.—F. A. BLAYDES.

CENTENARIANS.—Below I give a list of all that I have noted in this county; I have not been able to verify them, as that would take more time than I could well afford. I believe there are two centenarians of the Gipsy race buried at Turvey, and should be glad to hear particulars of the same and any others not noted here.—F. A. BLAYDES.

EX TODDINGTON PARISH REGISTERS:—

1718. Jan. 16.—William Mastin, aged, as is said, about 105, buried.

1737. Oct. 21.—Charles Clifton, of Chalgrave, aged, as is said, 103, Buryed.

Ex CHALGRAVE PARISH REGISTERS:—

1766. Feb. 23.—Buried Dame Butcher aged *hundred and two years.*

IN LEIGHTON BUZZARD CHURCHYARD—

“In memory of
 ELIZABETH STUDDE
 widow late of Heath
 in this parish she died
 8th of August 1726
 In ye 112 year of
 her Age.”

INSCRIPTION IN FLITTON CHURCH:—

“Memoriae Sacrum
 here lyeth interred the Body of THOMAS
 HILL Gent. Receiver Generall to 3 Worthy
 Earles of KENT, REGINALD, HENRY, & CHARLES,
 he departed this life Aprill the 2nd 1628.
 Aged an hundred and one yeares.

(*Le Neve's Mon. Angl.*, 1600-19. p. 112).

Ex ARLESEY PARISH REGISTERS:—

1799. — Anne Day a gypsy aged 108 burd.

(*Gent's Mag. Vol. 69.* p. 5352).

In the Parish Church of Carlton is the following epitaph:—

“To the memory of Mr. Thomas Wills, who lived parson of Carlton and Chellington about threescore and ten years. He died the second of August 1642, aged above a hundred” (*Lysons' Beds. s. v. Carlton*).

Nov. 1787.—Died at Potton, Co. Bedford, aged 105 years, 3 months and 4 days Mrs. Susannah Greenfield a maiden Lady. She had for the last 40 years lived chiefly on flour provisions and her only drink was wine and water. (Gent's Mag. v. 57. p. 1127.)

BEDFORD.—ST. PAUL'S PARISH REGISTERS.

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In continuation of these extracts I proceed with page 4, which I have copied *verbatim*, as containing some very curious names.

1570.—December—ffrances Bassett bapt. xjth daie ; William Bonett bapt. xjth daie ; John Turall bapt. the xvijth daie ; William Smyth bapt. the xxth ; William Laughven bapt. the xxixth ; Nicolase Spencer bapt. xxxth ; Annes Buwoe bapt. the same.

1570-1.—Janij—Marey ffakener bapt. the vjth daie ; John Frisbey bapt. the same daie ; John Ridey bapt. the viijth daie.

Februaj.—Thomas broughthe bapt. the same daie ; John West bapt. the iiijth daie ; Dorothy Lookey bapt. the xvth daie ; John Cooke bapt. the xvith daie.

March.—William Croott bapt. the vith daie ; Elcebethe Chambelin bapt. the xiith daie ; Sussent Hall bapt. the xvijth ; Bridgett Croot bapt. the same daie.

1571.—Elcebethe Ballard bapt. the xxvth.

Aprill.—William Smyth bapt. the iij daie ; Thomas Purney bapt. the xivth ; Jane Tomson bapt. the xvth daie ; Alce Anderwe bapt. the xvith daie ; William Hyatt bapt. the xxth daie ; William Boedeman bapt. xxvith.

Maij.—Richard Malcott bapt. the third day ; Alexander Tuvall bapt. xith daie ; Richard Ardington bapt. xij daie ; Doathy Scoot bapt. xivth daie ; Margrett Dollemge bapt. the xvth daie ; Anne Hyatt bapt. the xxivth daie.

Junne.—Marey Buney bapt. the xij June ; Janie thenham bapt. the xxivth daie (writing very bad).

July.—Thomas Christie bapt. the 9th July ; John Leaster bapt. the xvijth daie.

Augus.—John Dentt bapt. the xth daie ; John Browne bapt. the xvijth daie ; Annes Corke bapt. the xxvith daie.

Septem.—Christian Ewars (Evans ?) bapt. the xxvijth ; Ane Beachem bapt. the xij. Sep. ; Anne Hyatt bapt. the xvijth daie ; Elcebethe Beckett bapt. the xxvj. daie ; Elcebethe Andrewe bapt. the xxvij. daie ; William England bapt. xxixth.

Octob.—Elcebethe Huren bapt. the third daie ; Luke Pittman bapt. the xvij.

[There are only one or two more names on this page, and they are so indistinct that I cannot decipher them ; I therefore revert to my original plan of picking out names here and there.]

1569.—14 Ap., Alce Arderne bapt.

1572.—Alce Anderson bapt. ixth Apprill ; Edward Hanmer buried the xxvth Julij ; Edwarde Winche and Elcebethe burgies mared xxxith Oct.

1573.—xvjth Septem., Ane Acworthe bapt.

1575.—November xivth, Elcebeth Randes bapt.

xvijth November.—Mighell Sibthapp and Elcebeth Burrs married.

1576.—Barnard Acworthe buried xvijth August.

Jane Acworthe baptd. the xxixth Septembr.

Margary Randes buried the xjth Octobr.

Johne Acworthe buried the xxvijth Novembr.

1577.—Maij.—Urion terentam burried the fourth daie.

[This is as curious a specimen of a name as is often met with.]

1577.—Maij.—Annes Huatsole buried the xith daie ; Elcebethe Huxly buried the xxth.

1578.—Aprill.—John Croftts bapt. the xvijth.

Maij.—William Bakar and Alce lawrence mar-
ried the xvth daie.

June.—Thomas Newton and Anne Lawrence
maried the xviith daie; John Mills
burried the xxvth daie.

July.—William Garatt bapt. the xxijth.

August.—Margaret Sugden bapt xij.

Octob.—John Bull and Elcebethe Weatherfield
maried the second of Octobr.

1578-9.—Janij.—Rich. Franklin and Marie franklin
married the xvth daie.

March.—Annes Neal buried the third daie
Marc. ; Anne Cooper bapt. the vith
daie; Elcebethe Pyper bapt the same
daie.

1579.—Apprill.—Alce Beacham buried the xvth daie.

Maij.—Robart Albenany and Elcebethe Good-
felloe married xith; Thomas ffulsher
and Joan Pembton maried the xvijth
daie.

July.—Raffe Eckells bapt. the vith daie.

1580.—John Croftts bapt. the xvijth daie Aprill.

1587.—Thomas Ansell bured the xxvijth feeb.

1589.—John Sibthupp bapt. viijth Nov.

1590 or 1596.—George Wingatt buried the xxijth Maij.

1590-1.—Raffe Randes buried the xxvijth feeb. ;
Richard Lowthers bapt. the vith daie oi Nov.

1593-4.—Julyan Lowder bapt. the ij. feeb.

1593.—Joyce Acworthe bapt. the xxvijth April.

1594.—Margaret Winche buried the xvijth Jan. ;
John Acworthe buried the xxvijth Nov.

1595.—William Harvie buried the xxivth July.

1596.—Elcebethe Acworthe bapt. ixth Apl.

Elcebethe Ansell buried the xxijth June.

Mr. Dyve buried the xxxth Aug.

[There is a doubt as to whether this year should not be either 1593 or 1594.]

1596.—Alee Croft bapt. the xvth Septr.

1597.—Dorothy Acworthe bapt. the fourth feeb.

Mary Acworthe bapt. the fourth March (1597-8).

Anne Savage buried xth Jan. (1597-8).

Robartt Huxly buried the ixth Aprill.

1598.—Margrett Rands bapt. the xxvth febr.

Roffe Randes buried the xxviith febr. (1598-9).

Nicholase ffitzhugb and Elcebethe Broughe maried x June.

Ellen Crofts buried xxvijth Aug.

Mary Acworthe bapt. xxijth Aug.

1599.—Parnell Winga (Wingate ?) bapt. xxvth July.

Anne Anderson buried the 15th Aug.

Susan Armetage bapt. the xivth March (1599-1600).

[Having arrived at the commencement of the seventeenth century, I bring this present note to an end, hoping, however, to continue the extracts from the St. Paul's registers at some future time.]

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WATER-STRATFORD, JOHN MASON.

Amongst the "Cuttings" on page 13, mention was made of Mr. John Mason, of Water Stratford. Dugdale's "*New British Traveller*," Vol. I. (no date), p. 183, has the following:—

“Water Stratford is remarkable chiefly for the singular doctrines of its rector, Mr. John Mason, and the absurd credulity of his numerous followers. He was presented to the rectory in 1674, and, according to Granger, was a man of unaffected piety and considerable learning; but towards the latter part of his life became a visionary enthusiast, having bewildered himself in the mysteries of Calvinism. The fame of his preaching attracted people from all parts of the neighbourhood; every barn and out-house was crowded with his infatuated followers; and many of them disposed of their whole property, under the persuasion that the Millenium was approaching, and that faithful believers would shortly have all things in common. In addition to the mysteries of Calvanism and the Apocalypse, bodily distemper appears to have overwhelmed his understanding, and subjected him to those internal feelings, which caused him to assert, that he had seen the Lord Christ, who would ‘appear at Water Stratford, and come and judge the world on the Whitsunday following.’ So impressed were the weak minds of his auditors with the truth of this prediction, and so firmly were they convinced of their own awaiting happiness, that they expressed their joy by the most frantic actions. Day and night were passed in dancing and singing hallelujahs; the deluded fanatics accompanying their absurd gestures with loud shouts of Glory, Glory. In the midst of these revellings of delirium, Mason was struck speechless; an event which Dr. Paxton, an eminent physician, ascribed to the violent exertion which he had employed to enforce his arguments. Previously, however, to this, he had told his congregation, that when he died he should ‘rise in three days after his decease, and with his body ascend into heaven.’ This tale also, blasphemous as it was, was credited by his

ignorant hearers; and as the loss of speech was the immediate prelude to his death, they awaited with the most anxious expectation for the promised miracle. Before the three days were expired the body was interred; and such was the rooted enthusiasm of his flock, that several of them avowed they had seen him, and spoken with him, after his resurrection; nor could any of them be convinced of the absurdity of his tenets till the Rev. Mr. Rushwood, his successor, had the grave opened, and the corpse exposed to the populace. The web of credulity, however, had been woven too strong to be easily destroyed; and even this evidence proved insufficient to detach the minds of many of his followers from the belief of his doctrines. For years afterwards they assembled at a place which they called Holy Ground, where it was asserted that he had been seen and spoken to since his death. There they sang the same hymns, used the same ceremonies, and made the same extravagant gestures as formerly; and when they were at length prevented from assembling in the field, they held their meetings at a house in the village. Mason died in the year 1693; but it was not till about 1740 that the sect became extinct."

SIR WILLIAM HARPER.—Was he buried in Bedford at all or not? This query is continually recurring to my mind, and I have come to the conclusion, notwithstanding the inscription on the monument to his memory in St. Paul's Church, and the entry of his burial in No. 2 of the register books there, that he was not. There is no doubt that the entry of his burial is an interpolated one, as it does not occur in No. 1 (the original) book of burials at all, and is, as I have said on page 9, in a handwriting of a much

later period and in fresher ink than the other entries, and has yet another peculiarity in it which I had not noticed before ; the actual entries of the month are :—

1573.—ffeuarij Thomas Leache, bapt the xxvith daie ; Mary beckett bapt the ixth of februari ; Katheren Patenham and John Williams baptized the viiith daie ; Bury'd Sr William Harpar Alderman and Lord Maior of London ye 27th.

1574.—Marche Ellnor Sutton bapt the xxixth of Marche ; John Williamson bapt the xxxth daie.

Now it is a curious fact that this is, I believe, the only entry in this particular book of a burial, all the other entries of deaths are “deceased” not “buried,” which fact induced me at first to style it an incorrect copy of the original register book ; again, it says buried on the 27th February, however the inscription on his monument says that he died on that day, and there is no doubt whatever that he died in London, how could he therefore have been buried in Bedford on the same day that he died in London, in those days of slow travelling ? The entry itself conveniently comes into a gap which was left between the end of the year and the commencement of the next, as my extracts show. I must mention here that my reference to this point on page 9 is not quite correct. The quotation was made from memory, but now with the register book before me, the actual entry itself as given above only strengthens my view of the matter, viz., that Sir William Harper was not buried in St. Paul’s, Bedford, at all. The inscription on his monument is as follows :—

“Obiit 27th Februarij 1573. Ano aetatis sua 77th Here vnder lieth buried the body of Sir William Harper, Knight Alderman and Lorde Maior of the citie of London with the dame Margarett his last wife whch Sir William was borne in this towne of Bedford, and here fondaed & gave lands for the mayntenance of a Gramer Schoole.”

The question arises, on reading the above, by whom, and when was this monument erected to Sir William's memory. His last wife, after his death, married, secondly, Edward Thorne, whose will was dated 19 Jan. and proved 20 Feb., 1582-3, and I am enabled now, through the research and kindness of my friend Col. Jos. L. Chester, to state that her third marriage with Edward Maxie, of Orsett, Co. Essex, took place at St. Alban's Abbey on 28 Sept., 1583, the entry in those parish registers being as follows:—

“1583.—Sep. 28 Edward Maxie and Dame Margaret Harper.” From this date we lose all clue to her subsequent career; neither her nor her third husband's wills are to be found, nor can we discover for how long after this she may have lived, and I think it not impossible that the above inscription was actually engraved during her lifetime; such things have been done before now, and like many another epitaph, is rather a lying concern than otherwise, for it asserts that Sir William Harper founded the Grammar School. Now he did nothing of the sort. The Grammar School was founded by K. Edward VIth, on the 15th August, 1552, by letters patent granting licence to the mayor, bailiffs, burgesses, and commonalty of Bedford, to establish a free and perpetual grammar school in the town of Bedford. It was not until the year 1566, 14 years later, that Sir William Harper's and Dame Alice's names are mentioned in connection with it, when an indenture was made between them and the Corporation of Bedford, which recited the previous letters patent, and stated that the Corporation had erected and established a free school in the town called “Free School House,” &c. And further, that Sir William Harper and Dame Alice did grant for the maintenance of the school, and other

charitable purposes, "The School House" and all the houses, &c., rooms and gardens of the said Sir William Harper, to the same adjoining; and also thirteen acres and one rood of meadow land, lying in divers parcels in the parish of St. Andrew, Holborn, in the county of Middlesex, for all the above purposes. [See "*Parry's Illustrations of Bedfordshire.*"] Concerning the 13 acres and 1 rood of meadow land mentioned above, I have somewhere read that Sir William was fortunate enough to purchase it about a year before he endowed Bedford Grammar School with it for, what seems to us now, the ridiculously small sum of £180 sterling. I unfortunately did not make a note of this at the time I read it, and therefore am unable to give an exact reference. I agree with what the late Mr. John Gough Nicholls says in his "*Biography of Sir William Harper,*" published by the Middlesex Archaeological Society, in Vol. IV. of their Transactions:—"The value of his gift owes its extraordinary increase to causes that have arisen since his death, and which could never have entered into his imagination." I conclude with a copy of his will:—

In the name of God amen, The seaventh and twentie daie of October in the fyfteenth yeare of the reigne of our soveraigne Lady Elizabeth by the grace of God Quene of Englonde France and Irelonde defendour of the faithe &c. I Sir William Harper Knighte alderman of the Citie of London being of perfect mynde and memory, thankes be given to almighty God, doe ordeigne and make this my presente laste will and testament in manner and forme followinge: First I bequeathe my soull to almighty God my Creator and to Jesus Christe my Saviour and Redeemer and my body to be decently buried by the discretion of myne Executrix hereafter

named, within the parrisse churche of St. Paull in the towne of Bedford. Item I geve to the worshipfull Company of the Marchant tailors for a remembrance of the good will I bare unto them vj*l.* xiijs. iiijd. in ready money to make a Cuppe with all to remayne to th' use of the said Company. Item I geve to my wellbelovid frindes Willm. Albany and Thomas Rigge, Thomas Muschampe, Humphry Stephens, Edwardre Thorne, and *Richard Lethers* my wife's brother if they will take the paynes to be presente at my buriall at Bedford aforesaid, to every of them a blacke gowne. Item I geve and bequeethe unto my well belovid frendes Mrs. Muschampe wife of the said Thomas Muschampe and to Mistres Ballinger wief to Mr. Gabriell Ballinger to either of them a black gowne if they will take the paines to be at my said buriall. Item I geve to Paul Warner, William Malton bedle of the warde of Dowgate, Richard Richardson and to Thomas Addams if they will be presente at my buriall at Bedford aforesaide, to either of them a black cote. Item I geve to Tenne poore men which shall be presente at my buriall Tenne black gownes vs. iiijd. the yard. Item I geve to my servantes Philippe Colton and David Bellett yf they happen to be dwellynge wth me at the tyme of my decease a black gowne and a cote and to every other man servant that shall happen to be dwellinge wth me at the tyme of my decease a black cote. Item I geve to every maide servante that shall happen to be dwellinge with me at the tyme of my decease a black gowne. Item I geve 40*l.* to be distributed to poor people of the Ward of Dowgate whereof I now am Alderman. Item I geve to be distributed by the discretion of my Executrix the somme of fortie shillings. Item I geve to the poor people of St. Mary Woolnothes parische in

London where I now dwell the somme of Twentie shillings. Item I geve to Elizabeth Pettingale widowe the somme of xiiis. iiijd. The Residue of all my goodes and cattles, Leases for yeares, plaite, monie, juells and household stuffe, my buriall expenses, lawful debts and legacies being paid, I geve and bequeathe to my wellbeloved wief dame Margarete Harper whom I ordeigne and make hole and full Executrix of this my last will and testament. And my dear frendes William Albany, Thomas Riggs, Thomas Muschampe and Edward Thorne Overseers of this my last will and testament. In witnes whereof I have to this my last will and testament putt my hand and seall the daye and yeare above written. By me William Harper. Sealed Subscribed and delivered in the presens of these witnesses, Thomas Ramsay alderman, William Abraham, Cuthberte Buckle, William Goffley notary.

Provéd at London 6 April 1574 on the oath of Edward Orwell notary public, proctor for dame Margaret Harper relict and Executrix (Reg. Prerog. Court. 14 Martyn).

From this will, and from the licence granted by the Bishop of London to Sir William for his second marriage, we gather that Dame Margaret's maiden name was either Lethers or Leeder. The marriage licence was granted 13 Sept. 1570 for "William Harpare Knight" and "Margaret Leedare, spinster" both of the city of London. His first wife Dame Alice's maiden name was Tomlinson, she died on the 10th and was buried in St. Mary Woolnoth's church on the 15th October 1569, the entry concerning her burial being as follows:—

"The xvth day of October 1569 was buried Dame Alice Harper, late wife of Sir William Harper Knight and Alderman of London, and lyeth in a vault made of brick,

the mouthe being before his pewe dore in the North Isle
of this cherche."

I suspect it will someday be discovered that Sir
William was also buried in this vault.

D. G. C. ELWES, F.S.A.

HERALDRY.

The following coats of arms, connected with this county
are taken from a MS. in the library of Queen's College,
Oxford, they occur, *inter alia*, under this heading—"Arms
De la Tournay a la ville de Dunstable Anno—2 Ed. Sedi.
—dni 1308." They have not to my knowledge hitherto
appeared in print:—

Frembrand [of Potsgrove]—Gu. a cross or semé de
cross-crosslets or.

Sr. John de Pabenham—Barry of six B. and A., a bend
gu. charged with three mullets or.

Sr. John de Pabenham, son filz—Barry of six B. and
A., a bend gu. charged with three mullets pierced or.

Trayly [of Northill]—Or a cross gu. between four
martlets gu.

Sr. John Rydell—Paly of six A. and G., a bend sa.

Sr. Walter de Baa—Gu. a bend A. between three
plates A.

Sr. John de Sathbury—Erm. on a chief gu. three roses
or.

Beauchampe—Gules fretty arg.

Sr. Richard le Rous—Quarterly A. and S., a bend or.

Sr. John Peyure—A. on a chevron gu. three fleurs-
de-lys or.

Sr. Rauf Perot—Quarterly per fess indented or and B.

Sr. Willm. Ynge—Or a chevron vert.

Sr. Roger de Heyham—Paly of six A. and B., on a chief gu. three escallops.

Sr. John de Mortein—Erm. a chief gu.

Sr. David de Flutewike—A. three lions passant gardant S.

Sr. Rauf de Goldington—A. two lions passant B.

Sr. — de Wahulle—Or three crescents gu.

Sr. Piers Lorynge [of Chalgrave]—Quarterly A. and G. a bend gu.

Sr. Roger Peyure—A. on a chevron B. three fleurs-de-lys or.

F. A. B.

NEWSPAPER CUTTINGS, 1688-1737.

To the King's most Excellent Majesty, The humble Address of the Mayor, Recorder, Deputy Recorder, Aldermen, Bayliffs, Burgesses, and Commonalty of our ancient Corporation of Bedford, in Council Assembled. May it please Your Majesty, We, Your most Loyal and Obedient Subjects, thankfully acknowledging the Goodness of God Almighty in placing You on the throne of Your Royal ancestors, do humbly offer our hearty Thanks to Your Majesty, for Your Gracious Declaration to all Your Loving Subjects for Liberty of Conscience, and for Your most Gracious Intention of Royal Resolution to have the same established by a Law, whereby the Church of England will be secured, and all Dissenters protected in the free Exercise of their Religion, and enjoyment of their Civil Rights. For the effecting so good and great a Work, we are resolved to endeavour in our several Capacities the Election of two such Burgesses, to represent this Corporation in the next Parliament, as will concur with

Your Majesty's Gracious Purposes, signified in Your said Gracious Declaration. And we shall ever pray for Your long Life and happy Reign over us. In Testimony whereof we have hereunto affixed our Common Seal of this Your Corporation, the Eighth Day of May, in the Fourth Year of your Majesty's reign.—(1688.)

Stolen out of a Wagon at the Cock Inn in Wooburn in Bedfordshire, on Thursday night the 25 past, a Truss in which was about £165 in old Money, and other parcels of Money, in which was 31 Guineas, and one Broad Piece of Gold ; also one Piece of broad Allamode, and one Piece of Narrow Allamode Silk ; two Pieces of Black Silk Crape ; Half a Pound of fine white Thred ; one Piece of Linen Cloth, and other things out of the same Truss. Also out of a Box, one plain Muslin Head Dress, and one striped Muslin Head Dress. And also out of a Bag, half a dozen pair of Roll Stockins, and 18 pair of short Stockins. Whoever discovers the said things to William Tims at the Cock Inn aforesaid, or to William Hunt at the Ram Inn in West Smithfield, London, shall have Five Guineas Reward for the whole, or proportionable for what is restored.—(Feb. 1696).

Lost a black brown Mare about 15 hands high, a blaze in her forehead, a whisk Tail, about 5 years old. If any Person have lost any such Mare about 3 weeks since they may hear of her at Mr. Davenports at the Tollbooth in Smithfield, or at Mr. Riles at the Sign of the Windmill in Dunstable.—(1697.)

Lost out of the Grounds belonging to Bromham near Bedford, a black bald Colt, 3 years old, with a sprig tail, shod of all fours, lately docked. Whoever secures the said Colt, and gives notice to William Jones at the White-Hart Inn in Bedford, or at the Red-Lyon Inn in

Aldersgate Street, London, shall have 20s. Reward for their Pains.—(June 1697).

On the 15th of September next a Plate will be run for on Wandon Heath near Wooburn-Abby in Bedfordshire, of £20 value; No Horse, Mare, or Gelding to run that hath ever run for above £100 at one time either in Plate or Match; and to carry 10 Stone besides Bridle and Saddle, allowing 2 pounds for the Saddle. Every Stranger must put in 4 Guineas, every Founder one Guinea, and to be shown the Saturday before they run at the Cock in Wooburn, and there pay their Entrance-Money. The next day a £10 Plate will be run for, and the Winning Horse shall be sold for £10 to the Owners of the Plate; and every Horse that runs for this Plate must pay One Guinea Entrance-money, and enter when they please.—(1697.)

Lost an Order, No. 3179, Sir John Burgoyne of Sutton in the County of Bedford, Baronet, for £100 on Survivorships, on the Life of Lucy Burgoyne. Whoever brings the same to Edward Lambert, Goldsmith, in Lombart-street, shall have a Guinea.—(Aug. 1697.)

At the Free-School in Dunstable, being a large convenient House, built for that purpose, in a very healthful and pleasant Country. Youth may (on easie terms) be well Boarded and Taught, viz. Writing in all the several Hands, Arithmetick, Vulgar and Decimal. Likewise Merchants Accompts, or the true Italian Method of Book-keeping, by M. GRATWICK. Also Latin and Greek taught by a Clergyman, who lives in the same House.—(1720.)

Stolen or strayed on Tuesday night last the 29th of November, from William Partridge of Tillsworth in Bedfordshire, a bay Gelding about 14 hands and a half high, with a little White on his Off Foot behind, about 6

or 7 Years old, with a whisk Tail. Whoever gives Notice of him, so that he may be had again, shall have a Guinea Reward, and reasonable Charges.—(1720.)

We hear that one Parks, formerly one of the Life-Guard, was lately committed to Bedford-Gaol, on suspicion of robbing the Huntington Stage-Coach.—(Oct. 1721).

On Wednesday last, about 10 a-Clock in the Morning, the Bedford Stage-Coach was robbed within 4 Miles of that Town by one Highwayman, who took from the Passengers, their Money, Watches, Rings, &c., and afterwards committed other Robberies on the same Road.—(Sept. 13, 1721.)

Last Monday 3 Passengers were robbed in a Bedford Waggon, between Brickhill and Dunstable, by three Foot-Pads, one of which came up to the Waggoner, and bid him stop his Horses, for he wanted to speak with one of the Passengers ; but he not minding him, the other two Rogues got over the Hedge, and swore they would shoot him if he stir'd one Foot farther. The two last got into the Waggon, and rifled the Passengers of 57s. and a Box of Lace of a considerable Value.—(January 26, 1730.)

On Saturday an extraordinary motion was made in the Court of King's-Bench against the Ordinary of a Church in Bedfordshire, for suffering the Monument of a Person to be pull'd down, and another put up in the Place. The Lord Chief Justice not being present, the Court took Time to determine the same. The next Hearing the Civilians are to attend, the Question being, Whether one Bishop has a right to pull down or deface in Churches what has been put up by the Licence of another.—(July 1737.)

(It would be interesting to know the name of this Church. Ed.)

SOUTHILL PARISH.—Being at the present time engaged in taking rubbings of the inscriptions on some of the church bells in this neighbourhood for Mr. T. North's forthcoming work “*Church Bells of Bedfordshire*” I paid Southill a visit, where I found hung up on one of the walls of the belfry the following directions to ringers which I think are quite worthy of a nook in *Bedfordshire Notes and Queries*.

D. G. C. ELWES.

Rules to be Strictly observed by every one who enters this belfry :—

“ We ring the Quick to Church, the Dead to Grave
Good is our use, such usage let us have.

He that wears Spur. or Hat. or Cap. or breaks a Stay.
Or from the floor does by a bell rope sway.

Or leaves His rope down Careless on the floor :
Or nuisance makes within the Door.

Shall sixpence forfeit for each single crime.
T : will make him careful at another Time.”

“ Whoever Breaks or injures any of the Handbells shall make the Damage good.”

“ We Gentlemen Ringers are nobody's foes
We disturb none but those who want too much repose
Our music's so sweet, so enchanting to hear
We wish there was ringing each Day in the Year.”

“ To call the folks to Church in time we chime :
“ Three seven minute peals stop one minute between.
toll the Tenor four minutes, ring the Ting Tang three
minutes. Total, $\frac{1}{2}$ an hour.”

“ When Mirth and pleasure is on the wing we ring.”
“ At the Departure of a Soul we Toll.”

Ringers : George Bryant, William Litchfield, John Litchfield, George Stacey, James Handscomb, James Finding. **John Hale**, Sexton. David Dickens, Parish Clerk.

In the church registers of this parish, which commence A.D. 1538, is the following entry :—Beds 22th Septemb : 1653. Appointment of Mr. Wm. Taylour as a Parish Register." Signed, J : BEDFORD.

Was there at this date a Bishop of Bedford, or was the above signature that of the parish priest of that date ?

In a vault in this parish church belonging to the Byng family is an inscription to the memory of Admiral Byng, as follows :—

"To the Perpetual Disgrace
of Public Justice
The Honble. John Byng, Esq.
Admiral of the Blue
Fell a Martyr to
POLITICAL PERSECUTION
March 14. 1757 when
BRAVERY and LOYALTY
were insufficient Securities
For the
Life and Honour
of a
NAVAL OFFICER.

LOCAL ALLUSION.—In scanning the pages of "*Musarum Deliciae*," Vol. I., p. 216, ed. 1817, I lighted on the following quatrain, which, as it relates to Bedfordshire, should find a corner in "*Bedfordshire Notes and Queries*." The work was originally published in 1656 :—

“ Weomen are borne in Wilsheire
 Brought up in Cumberland
 Lead their lives in Bedfordshire
 Bring their husbands to Buckingame
 And dye in Shrewsbury.” “ GRUB.”

WARDEN PEAR.—In transcribing some heraldic notes relating to this county from an old MS. in the library of the British Museum I was rather puzzled what to make of the following blazon of arms formerly in Warden Church —“ az. three *wardens* or.” Were they churchwardens! beasts, birds, or what? Reading a book on heraldry a few days since, I find *warden* to be the name of a pear, so called from having been first cultivated at Warden Abbey, Beds., which bore three such pears as its arms; the same arms were subsequently assumed by the family of Warden, in allusion to the name. It would be interesting to know if this variety of pear is still cultivated; I cannot call to mind ever having heard of it. F. A. B.

J. BEDFORD (*Page* 39.)—There have been only two Bishops of Bedford, viz.:—John Hodgkins, consecrated Dec. 9, 1537, and Canon Walsham How, consecrated last year. Both were consecrated as Suffragans to the Bishop of London, and had no official functions connected with this diocese. The J. Bedford whose name appears in the Southill Parish Register was probably connected with a family of that name, one of whom, Samuel Bedford, sat for the County in the Cromwellian Parliaments of 1654-56. He was brother of James Bedford, Rector of Blunham and Erith, in Huntingdonshire. The father of these two was Rector of Clifton, in Beds.

7 June, 1880.

F. A. B.

An account of John Hodgkin, Suffragan Bishop will be found in "*Notes and Queries*," 5th s. xi. 367, & xii. 14, 170-1.

LEIGHTON BUZZARD.—I daresay that there is hardly any one aware that close on 235 years ago an extensive fire took place at Leighton-Buzzard. However, that such was the case the following extract will show:—"1645. July 23. Petition of the distressed inhabitants of Leighton-Buzzard, Bedfordshire. By a fire which happened on the 7th March last, great damage was done to buildings and property in the town, amounting to 14,368*l.* 17*s.* Petitioners, who have been forward in all payments for Parliament, and have in consequence been mercilessly plundered by the enemy, pray that the House will grant them a collection in London and elsewhere for their relief. Certificate of Justices of the Peace for Bedfordshire in support of preceding. (L. J., vii. 504.)"

It would appear that this petition to the House of Lords was unheeded, for in the year 1647 another petition was made to the Upper House as follows:—

"Petition of inhabitants of Leighton-Buzzard, in the County of Bedford. Pray that, in consideration of their great losses by fire about two years ago, and by plunderings during the war, 200*l.* per annum may be granted for the maintenance of their minister out of the revenue yet undisposed of belonging to the prebends of Lincoln, or the Dean and Canons of Windsor, who are the lords of the parish."*

Judged by the estimated value of the property destroyed, the fire must have been of a very serious character for so small a place. I cannot find, however, that the prayer of the second petition was granted.

* Hist. MSS. Commission, VIth Report, I., 71,218.

One would have expected to have seen some notice of this disaster in the parish registers, and doubtless it was there duly recorded ; but if my memory serves me right the registers for that period, *i.e.* 1615-1653, are missing. Probably they were taken and produced in evidence in the Leigh Peerage Case, and, as is the usual fate of such documents, never returned : if so, they may yet be discovered some day amongst the archives of the House of Lords, or in some solicitor's office. Let us hope they have not been destroyed.

F. A. B.

NEWSPAPER CUTTINGS, 1715-1762.

The same Day, the Duke of Kent set out for his Seat of *Wrest* in *Bedfordshire* : *Robert Shannon*, his Grace's Footman, who some Days since was committed to the Gatehouse, for shooting a Waggoner thro' the Mouth, has been admitted to Bail, the Man being thought out of Danger. (July 15, 1724.)

Doctor Sacheverel is gone from hence for *Bedfordshire*, to purchase an Estate there, for which he is to pay 2500*l.* (April 1715.)

One Day last week the Manchester Carrier was stopp'd near *Dunstable* by a single Fellow on Foot, who presented a Pistol at him, and demanded his Money, on which the Carrier gave him Nine Shillings ; but the Rogue said he knew he had Forty Guineas about him, and would have them or blow his Brains out, and accordingly took them and his Watch ; afterwards demanded the Carrier's Horse, but told him that he would find another behind the Hedge, which he might take in lieu of it ; and as he rode off, advis'd him to sue the County for his Money. The

Carrier went to the Place to look for the Horse, but found none, and was obliged to walk to Hockley, where he heard the Fellow had rode through a Foot-Pace, on which they pursued him, but to no purpose, for he got clear off with his Booty. (Jan. 1741.)

On Friday (Dec. 1742), Sir Humphrey Monoux, Bart. of Wootton in *Bedfordshire*, was married to the Relict of the late — Jones, Esq ; of Waltham Abbey in Essex.

Anne Hocks, otherwise Hawkswell, otherwise Harito Farfax, Spinster, otherwise Anne the Wife of Vincent Matthews, was tried upon an Indictment for harbouring and favouring the Escape of Gabriel Tomkins, who was executed, and now hangs in Chains near Bedford, in *Bedfordshire*, for robbing the Chester Mail ; the Fact was plainly proved to the Satisfaction of the Court, but upon her claiming the Benefit of the last Act of Grace, past in the (year) 1747, she was acquitted. (March 1751.)

Thursday 7-Night some ignorant People assembled together at Layton in *Bedfordshire*, and proclaimed at the Market-Cross, Jane Massey and Catherine Hawkes, Witches ; from thence they proceeded to Luton, to act the same kind of Cruelty as was practised lately at Tring, but were prevented by several Gentlemen, who advised them to return Home.—(May, 1751.)

Sir Robert Cater, Knt. and Alderman of *Cheap* Ward, (who changed his Name from *Kendal* to *Cater*, and inherited the Estate of John Cater, Esq ; in *Bedfordshire*, his Brother-in-law.)—(Died, 1739.)

On Tuesday William Cripps was committed to the Poultry Compter, on the oath of John Baily and others, for breaking open the House of Mr. James Poulton, at Wrest in *Bedfordshire*, and stealing money and goods

to the value of £30. The brother of this person is now under sentence of death at Bedford for the same crime.—(March, 1754.)

The following Robbery was committed near *Luton* in *Bedfordshire* last Week. A Woman with a Bundle was overtaken by a Man and a Woman and a large Dog, which they set upon her, and robb'd her of the Bundle, and what she had, then stripp'd her naked, and tied her to a Tree ; the Dog soon after return'd back to the poor Woman, and tore her in a terrible Manner ; when a Gentleman and his Servant riding along the Road heard the Dog bark, and the Woman crying out, they alighted, and went into the Field, where, with Difficulty, they whipp'd the Dog off, and the Gentleman order'd his Man to mount his Horse and follow him, which he did to an Alehouse in *Luton*, where were a Man and a Woman which the dog fawn'd on and lay down by ; the Servant upon that got a Constable and secur'd them both, and sent them to *Bedford* Gaol.—(1755.)

Last week a foot-match, for a considerable sum of money, was run over the course near *Bicester*, between a *Bedfordshire* shepherd and one of the *Hertfordshire* militia men, which was won by the shepherd by half a mile. They ran five times round the two-mile course, which the shepherd performed in sixty-five minutes.—May, 1760.

On Tuesday last as Thomas Falkener, Purton carrier, in *Bedfordshire*, was coming to town, he was robbed by two footpads of this side *Hatfield*, of about 20s. in silver. He begged hard for a shilling to pay turnpikes, but the thieves declared, that out of so small a booty they could not afford it, and then made off.—(Feb., 1762.)

ROWE OF CLAPHAM, Co. BEDS.—I should be glad to learn whether there are any monuments to members of this family in Clapham church, or whether the parish registers contain any entries of the name. John Rowe—an abstract of whose will I subjoin—was the eldest son of Sir Thomas Rowe, Lord Mayor of London, and brother of Sir Henry Rowe. He died 29th Aug., 1585, having married 1st a daughter of Mr. Secretary Wilson, and 2nd Rebecca, daughter of Robert Brandon, goldsmith, of London, who survived him. He left one son, Thomas Rowe, who was under age at his father's death. “John Rowe, of Clapham, Co. Beds., Esq. Will dated 19 Feb., 1584-5; proved at C.P.C. 2 Nov., 1585. He desires to be buried in the parish church of Clapham: divides the surplus of his goods between his two eldest daughters [those probably of his first marriage]: devises all his lands and tenements in Hackney, Co. Middx. (except those in tenure of Margaret Foster and the fourth part of three acres in Glad's More, which he gives to his brother Henry Rowe) to Elizabeth, Judith and Sara his three daughters, the rents thereof to be received by Rebecca their mother until they be 21 or married; remainder to his son Thomas Rowe. His wife, Rebecca, sole executrix. Overseers, his father in law Robert Brand (Brandon) and friend Henry Rowe.” The three daughters married respectively John Fleming, of Co. York; John Shorwell, of Shorwell; and Capt. Henry Seckford; the son seems to have died young.—C. J. ROBINSON.

NEWSPAPER CUTTINGS, 1760-1780.

We hear from Biggleswade in Bedfordshire, that as Mr. Scott, who kept the Black Swan in the same town, was returning home, on Thursday last, from Baldock market,

being on the box with a coachman of his acquaintance, and the coachman driving furiously into the inn, the gate of which being low, and Mr. Scott not stooping enough, he was thrown off with such violence, that he expired immediately. (March 6, 1760.)

To be Sold by Auction by Mr. Appleford, on Wednesday the 13th Day of January 1762, at the Duke of Bedford's Arms Inn in Dunstable, Bedfordshire, between the Hours of Ten and Twelve in the Forenoon, by Order of The Executor of Mr. Thomas Johnson, deceased; The remaining Part of a Lease for a Thousand Years, of which above Nine Hundred and Eighty-six are to come, of that valuable Pit or Quarry, called Tattinghoe, or Tatternole Quarry. And in the Afternoon will be sold, all the Machines and Implements used in getting and raising the Stone; a parcel of Stone already raised in the Pit, being of an exceedingly good Quality, and approved of by the ablest Workmen in the Kingdom, several thousand Loads having been lately used of it at Wooburn Abbey, a Seat of his Grace the Duke of Bedford's, and at several other Noblemen and Gentlemen's Seats in the Neighbourhood: Also several Chimney Pieces, ready finished, made with the same Sort of Stone: Together with some White and other Marble in Black Chimney Pieces, &c. For further Particulars enquire of Mr. Appleford, Auctioneer, at his House in Dunstable.

N.B.—Whoever will give Notice to Mr. Appleford of a Dun Gelding, which was lost the 18th of October last, so as he may be had again, shall receive Half a Guinea Reward and all reasonable Charges. He was full fifteen Hands high, aged, with a Blaze down his Face, a quartered Foot before, several white Feet, a dark Lift down his Back, has been very much hurt with a Saddle, which on the near Side

appears like a Setfast, the Hair has been clipt on both Sides near the Breadth of both Hands.—(1762.)

At St. Alban's, as he was going to his country house at Dunstable, Marshe Dickenson, Esq; Alderman of Queenhithe ward, Member of Parliament for Brackley in Northamptonshire, and Chairman of the Committee for Ways and Means. (Died, Feb., 1765.)

They write from Bedfordshire, that a certain much vilified Nobleman, who has lately made great purchases in that county, is now become so popular, by the numerous works he is carrying on there, that it is imagined nobody will soon have greater influence than his Lordship in those parts, and that the whole command of the county must shortly be transferred to him.—(Oct., 1765.)

Tuesday last a County-Drover, having received £250 at a Nobleman's house the West end of the town, went to a Public-house to count over the money, in which being observed by two men then present, they followed him as far as Dunstable in Bedfordshire, where they robbed him of all his cash, and left him with the following piece of advice, viz. "Never more to display his money in a Public-house."—(Nov., 1765.)

(1765.)—A few days since, a noted Horse-Dealer, at Malden, in Bedfordshire, having stolen a horse, and being taken into custody for the same, hanged himself in a fit of desperation.

We are informed that the Earl of Bute has lately engaged some Ship-carpenters to build, from the timber of his estate, the model of a first rate man of war, with a view to adorn the extensive canal now making at his Lordship's seat at Luton Hoo in Bedfordshire.—(1766.)

Monday, March 23, (1767.) Yesterday morning died at Porter's-end in Bedfordshire, of the bruises he received by

the fall from his horse, the most hon. Francis Russel, marquis of Tavistock, only son and heir apparent of his grace the duke of Bedford, knight of the shire for the county of Bedford, and colonel of the Bedfordshire militia.

Monday, (April 6, 1767.) His grace the duke of Bedford has added £3000 per annum to the marriage settlement of the marchioness of Tavistock since the decease of her husband.

Wednesday 8. Yesterday the honourable the earl of upper Ossory, was chosen member for the county of Bedford, in the room of the late marquis of Tavistock.—(April, 1767.)

We are informed that there has lately been a survey taken of the road from Royston, thro' Baldock and Hitchin to Dunstable, and that next sessions an act of parliament will be obtained for making it a turnpike road ; by which means a communication across the country will be opened, very useful not only to gentlemen for travelling, but also to all dealers in goods from Birmingham, Coventry, and Norwich, which at present are conveyed round by London at a great expence.—(Aug. 1767.)

On Sunday the 17th inst. died, after a few days illness, the Rev. William Seele Maxey, rector of North-hill, Bedfordshire, which he enjoyed 26 years. It is a donative, in the gift of the Grocers Company.—(Sept. 1780.)

BEDFORD.—ST. PAUL'S PARISH REGISTERS.

(Continued from Page 25.)

1600.—March.—Abrahame Wakfield bapt. **xxvj.**

April.—William Spencer buried the first; ffrances leatham bapt. the **vjth.**

Maii.—Karie Coolbak bapt. the seugth ; Edward Hawkins bapt. the xvijth.

June.—Elcebethe Acworthe bapt. the viijth.

July.—Elcebethe Beacham bapt. xijth ; John Joanes and Judethe Skener marred the xxijth ; Sibell Fletcher bapt. the xxxth.

August.—John Sharman bapt. the vjth August
Mr. Beckett burried the viijth daie ;
Anne Hawkins buried the xth ; Roffe Pleasenthin bapt. xxxth.

Sept.—Mary Parradin bapt. the second ; Mary Beacham buried xxvjth.

Octob.—Lawrence Gearie and Elcebethe Waill marrid the xxvjth Octob.

Novemb.—Martin Linford and Judethe Wilson marrid the xxijth ; Thomas ffisher bapt. xxxth.

[Query : Is this an ancestor of Thomas Fisher the artist and author of "Bedfordshire Collections."]

Janu. 1600-01.—Beman Easton bapt. the viijth ; John Chapham burred the xth ; George Lane bapt. the xxijth.

1600-01.—ffebuarij—Christopher Archer and Joan Coatts married the first ffebrij ; Judethe Bardell bapt. the ixth ; Margrett Acworthe bapt. the xith ; Jane Kendoll bapt. the xith.

Marche.—Marie Pecoke bapt. the viijth ; John Randes bapt. the xvth.

1601.—April—Sibell Maynard bapt. the xxvth ; Mother Harvie burried the xxvth.

Maij.—Thomas Hwese And ffrances Thoydy maried the xvijth.

July.—Edward Noake vicr. of St. Pawells bured
the xvijth July ; Thomas Thornton burried
the xxvth.

October.—Cicly Arthur bapt. the ixth ; Gaberill
Thornton burred the xth.

Novemb.—John Sharman And Wenefrid dale
married the xxixth.

1601-02.—ffebruarij—William Randes bapt. the vth ;
Margarett Acworthe bapt. the xith ;
Robert Catlin and Elcebeth Grigs
were marred the xxvth feb.

1602.—October—John Beadell and Alce Coper marred the
xxvth daie Oct.

Novemb.—Richard Plesentyn bapt. xxvijth.

December.—George Parad [ine ?] bapt. the xijth
December.

1603.—Maij—William Acworth bapt. the ijth Maii.

July.—Nathaniell Medellton burried the second ;
Thomas Gasken buried 4 da' July.

Septemb.—Urien Gascoyne and Anes George
marred the trower daie Sept.

Octob.—Richard Croftes and Susannt Bradley
marred the viijth daie Octob. ; John
Arthur bapt. the xvijth.

Decemb.—Mawd Arthur burried the xxijth.

1603-04.—Januarie—Charles Catlin bapt. the vjth : Mary
Acworth bured xxjth : barbarie
Acworth bured the xxvth : Thomas
Arthur And Annes Wildman married
the xxxth.

ffebruarij.—Edward Elvett burried the vth ;
Deryty Acworth bured the sixth.

Marche.—John thider bapt. the fourth daie :

Richard Duckworth bapt. xiiij March
and buried ivth August.

1604.—Septemb.—John Marvell and Elcebethe Mones
marred the xijth daie Sept.

Decemb.—ffrances Marvell bapt. the viijth daie
Decemb.

1606.—Annis ffaldoe bapt. the xxiiijth Novemb.

1606-7.—William Baskerfield and Joane Croott marred
the xxvith Jan. [? 1604-5].

1605-6.—John ffaldo and Marie Osborn maried the xth
daie of februarie.

1607.—Annes ffaldo bured the xvth daii Sept.

[About this period the years in both books are very
much mixed up, and for a few pages it seems
almost impossible to make out the correct year.]

1610.—William Marvell bapt. the xvth Aprill.

Elcebethe Marvell buried second Maij.

Roger Harpar and Dorthy Newman marred the
xxvij Aug.

[(?)—Was this some collateral descendant of Sir
William Harper?]

John Marvell and Alce Gent marred the viijth
daie Novemb.

[In the other book this marriage is given as taking
place in the month of October.]

Novemb.—Mighell Sibthup and Thomesen Abbott
mairred the xxixth.

Thomas Randes bapt. xvth Dec.

1610-11.—Richard Lovelace and Dorthy Sqyer marred the
xvth Sept.

1611.—Septemb.—Sarah Randes bapt. xxiiijth.

October—Thomas Marvell sone of John Marvell
buried the xijth.

1612.—Elizebeth the faldo bapt. the xxiiijth Dec.

1613.—Thomas ffaldo bur. the xxxth April.

1614.—Luke ffaldo sone of John faldo bapt. the xth day
April.

 Alice Lovelace bapt. xvij July.

 David ffaldo sone of Lewke bapt. xvijth Oct.

 Luke ffaldo's wife buried the viith Nov.

 Kathleen Shelley bapt. the ivth and burred the
xijth Decemb.

1614-15.—Mary Rands bapt. the xxiiijth feeb.

1615.—Jacob ferecharoes and Ane Savage maried xith
April.

 Novemb.—Ursula Taylor. bapt the first Novemb.

 October—Judeth fferecharts bapt. the xxth daie.

 [The above is a most curious name ; it might be the
same as Fitz-Richards].

 Elcebethe ffaldo bapt. the xith Novemb.

 James Shelley bapt. xxij Dec.

1615-16.—Constance ffaldo bapt. xijth March.

 Constance ffaldo burred xvth March.

 [In original book this entry is baptised, but it
probably should be buried].

1616.—John Marvell bapt. the xijth April.

1617-18.—Robartt ffaloe and Elcebethe Reve maried the
xvith feeb ; Thomas ffaldo sone of Luke faldo
bapt. the xvth daie and burrid the xviith Feb ;
Constance faldo daughter of Robart faldo bapt.
the xvth March.

1618.—Elcebeth Taylo^r daught. of Rh. tayler Gentt.
bapt. viijth Sept ; Tho Dulla and Marie Mewell
(? Marvel) maried the xxxth Septem.

1618-19.—ffebry—Tho. Croat sone of Thomas Croat and

Margrett Woodward daught. of F.
Woodward bapt. xijijth ; Alice Harper
Burried the same daie.

1619.—April.—Ane faldo fill. Luke ffaldo bapt. the xth.

June.—Mary Shelley wife of Wm. Shelley buried
with ; Thomas Newton and Anne ffisher
married the xijijth ; Steven Luxford sone
of Steven Luxford bapt. the xxijijth.

July.—Danell Marvell sone of John Marvell bapt.
the iijth.

August.—Ane faldoe daughr. of Luke faldo bured
xivth.

Octob.—Sibell Lowther wife of Rich. Lowther
burred the xxvijth.

1619-20.—March—Richard Taylor sone of Richard Taylor
gentt. Bapt. the xxth daie.

1620.—Maij—Married Mr. Slater and My la' Mordants
gentlewoma' the forth daie of May.

1621.—Aprill—Peter Bamford sone of Robartt Bamford
baptized the one daie ; Elcebethe Paradin
[sic] feli Tho. paradin bapt. xvith.

Maij.—Elcebethe ffaldo daught. of Luke faldo bapt.
xxvith.

Olyver Taylo^r and Ursula Renolds marred xxx.
xxx. Julij.

Sept.—Humphre Taylo^r sone of Richard Taylo^r
Gent. bapt. the xvth.

Nov.—Buried Robartt faldo the xxth daie ; John
falda sone of Robartt faldo bapt. xvijth Dec.

ROWS OF CLAPHAM (*page 45*).—There is no monument
to any member of this family in Clapham church, nor does

the Register afford any information respecting them, as the earliest book extant begins at 1696. The only fact I have been able to discover is, that John Rowe, arm., of Clapham, was High Sheriff for this county and Bucks., for part of the 26th year of Elizabeth (the year of his death), having been succeeded for the rest of the year by Richard Charnock, arm., of Holcot, Beds.—J. W. HADDOCK.

CURIOS EPITAPHS.

In the churchyard of All Saints, Leighton Buzzard, is the following quaint inscription :—

“ Cease weeping parents 'twas my makers will
 That I should fall by Lightning in the field
 At God's command it struck, & then I fell
 I had not time to bid my friends farewell
 My Father ran, though he could scarcely stand
 When he saw me lay burning on the Land
 Then with his hands he put the Fire out
 Saying dear Lord my Son is dead I doubt.”

In St. Paul's Churchyard, Bedford, on a stone to the memory of Elizth wife of Thos. Walcock, who died 1825, is the following lugubrious couplet :—

“ Pain was my portion, physic my food
 Groans my devotion, drugs did me no good.”

In the Church of St. Mary, Everton, on a flat stone in the Cross Aisle over against the porch, was formerly the following :—

“ Here lyeth Mary Wright
 Chaste true and kind
 Hid from our sight
 But never out of mind.”

NOTE.—Only the 3 words (Mary, Wright, chaste) are legible, ye rest almost quite worn out I [J. Pomfret] had from the clerk's mouth who said she died aged about 70 years (as I take it a maid) a mean person, and the stone was ancient not laid out for her tho' it had no inscription till that of her's.

(Lansd. MSS. 817, fo. 97.)

F. A. B.

BELL INSCRIPTIONS.

In the Church of St. Nicholas at Hockliffe are three bells bearing the arms of England and France quarterly thereby showing that they were cast previous to 1603 ; they have the following inscriptions on them in the order named :—

1. " *Pro Augustini Sonet in Breisi.*"
2. " *Sancta Thoma ora pro nobis.*"
3. " *Sancta Margreta ora Pro Nobis.*"

The tower of All Saints Church, Chalgrave, contains 3 bells on which are the following inscriptions :—

1. " + GOD SAVE OVR KING 1623."
2. " *Sancte Iustine Ora Pro Nobis.*"
3. " *WILLIAM EMERTON OF WOOTTON FECIT 1775.*"

WILLIAM WILLIAMSON }
WILLIAM SHAW } CHURCH WARDENS.

(Before this last inscription is the founder's mark—an angular device of five points between two circles.)

In the tower of Toddington Church is a fine peal of eight bells all apparently recast about the end of last century ; the following inscription on the tenor bell is a fair sample of the rest :—

" *Thos. Mears late Lester Pack & Chapman of London fecit 1792. Thos. Hollis & Harry Osborn Church Wardens.*"

There is a Sanctus Bell around which is—"Chandler
made me 1665."

F. A. B.

MARVELL FAMILY.—The following extracts are from the parish Registers of St. Paul's, Bedford. I am unable to identify them with the family of which the poet, Andrew Marvell, was so conspicuous a member, but as there is a chance of their being connected, I venture to send them for insertion, especially as the evidences of the poet's family are so meagre:—

1604.—John Marvell and Elcebethe Morris marred the xijth daie Septemb.
 1604.—ffrances Marvell, bapt. the vijth daie decemb.
 1607.—William Marvell, bapt. the xvijth Aprill.
 1608.—John Marvell and Alce Gentt marred the viijth daie Oct.
 1608.—Elcebethe Marvell bur. the ijd Maie.
 1614.—John Marvell baptized the xijth Aprill.
 1616.—Tho. dulla and Marie Maruell married the xxxth Septem'r.
 1617.—Danell, sone of John Marvell bapt. the ivth July.

F. A. B.

MONUMENTAL BRASSES.

The following are a few that I have noted in the course of my researches are not appearing in Haines' *Manual of Monumental Brasses*, and which have escaped the notice of Fisher:—

ARLESEY.

1. "*Hic Requiescat corpus Richardi Edwards
Armigeri Qui obiit Secundi Die
Octobris Anno Dni 1638 Aetatis suaee 57.*"

On a shield these arms :—

Per bend sinister sa. and erm. a lion ramp. or.

Crests—1. An esquire's helmet proper surmounted by —
2. A man's head sidefaced in a helmet all proper, above this a plume of 3 feathers.

Burke has this note on the family—"WILLIAM BEDFORD, Captain E.I. Company, s. of the Rev. WILLIAM FULLER BEDFORD, by MARGARET, his wife, dau. of RICHARD EDWARDS, Esq., of Arlesey, assumed the name and arms of EDWARDS, by royal licence, 20, Nov. 1792, having succeeded to the estates of his maternal uncle, Richard EDWARDS, who died 1789.

BEDFORD.—St. Paul's, Inscriptions only :—

II. "*Here lyeth buried the body of Robert Waller one of the Aldermen and thrice Mayor of this towne who dyed ye 9th of October 1608 being of ye age of lxxiiii yeres and also near vnto this place lyeth buried ye body of Mary his wife also deceased ye 31th of March 1606 being of age lxxi yeres & had issue betwixt them vii sonnes and v daughters*"

III. "*Also
Here lyeth buried the bodie of William Waller the fift sonn of Robert Waller
one of the Aldermen of this Towne and Iustice
of the peace and hath beene thrice Maior who de-
ceased the xii Ianvary 1636, beinge lviii yeares
of age and had no issue.*"

*—ScVLP.

* The monogram of the engraver is like the letters "M E" conjoined with a cypher or trade mark attached.

CARDINGTON.

IV. CECILL BUSSY, & ELIZABETH his w., da. & coh. of Sir GERRARD HERVY by DOROTHY d. & coh. of JOHN GASCOIGNE. CECIL BUSSY ob. 1 Mar., 1632, eff. betw. 2 ladies, arms on their mantles. *

CARLTON.

V. Inscription to JOANE GODDARD; 10 lines, mural 1610.

FARNDISH.

VI. Small brass plate on floor of Chancel to JOHN JOHNSTON Gen. Rector 1625, — Arms — Quarterly.

KEMPSTON.

VII. A small brass plate containing 7 male figures in dress of civilians, underneath, this inscription:—

"Here lieth the bodie of William Carter, Gent., who took to wife | Marie the Daughter of Thos. Aunsell Esqrs by whom he had issue seven sones | And ten Daughters. He died the first day of September 1605. Shee survivinge | in memorial of her affection to him living caused this monument to be made | over him under . . . she meanes."

MILBROOKE.

VII. An effigy of Robert Ware, priest, full length.

POTSGROVE.

IX. Effigies of RICHARD SAUNDERS, and JOHAN his wife with inscription:—

"Of yor charge pray for the soules of Richard Saunders and Johan | his wyfe whiche Richard deceased the xiiii day of May in the yere of | our Lord god in h[is] xviij on whose soules & alle cristian Ihu haue mercy."

* Query if this brass is still in existence.

x. Effigies of William Saunders, and Isabell his wife, mutilated inscription :—

“ *Here lyeth Will'm Saund[ers gent., the son of Richard]*
Saunders patron of t[he churches of Pottesgroce & Battleoden]
and Isabell his wif[fe] to[]ho had three children, Thomas, Ellen, &
Anne] The which Will'm dep[ted this life the xxvi day of
Febr[uary] in ye yere of our Lord God m[rcd] lxiii whose soul God pardon]”*
 ROXTON.

xi. Inscription only.

“ *Orate pro anima Johis stage senioris de Chaluesterne qui obiit die*
Sabbati ante festum Inventionis sancti Johis Baptiste anno dñi
mille cccc° cuius anime propicietur deus Amen.”†

STAGSDEN.

xii. Effigies of man & wife kneeling with shield over, and inscription.

THURLEIGH.

xiii. Small brass to EDMOND DAYE, 1590.

TODDINGTON.

xiv. Inscription to—

“ *Thomas Claver Rector*
of Toddington was buried
the ninth day of
September, 1654.”

* These brasses have been moved from their original place and are now neatly mounted on wood and attached one on either side of the nave. No. X. is a palimpsest of Flemish workmanship of the XIVth century, which still shows traces of having been worked in *champ-levé* enamel, some of the colouring and gilding yet remaining. A portion of the fillet is preserved showing the usual border of square and round roses, next to this is a portion of an inscription in bold Lombardic characters. The top right hand corner of the brass is occupied by an angel with outspread wings holding a scroll, in a quatrefoil compartment. Next to the inscription and round the edge of the inner plate are trefoil compartments filled with butterflies, birds, and monstrosities. These fragments appear to have formed part of a very large brass of exquisite workmanship, probably similar to the well-known one of Abbot Delamere in St. Albans Abbey.

† This brass has recently been recovered from a stonemason's by the Vicar of Great Barford after an absence of 30 years !

xv. Inscription --

*"Here lieth interred the body of
Thomas Pennington gent. who
departed this life the 14 September
1663.*

On a shield these arms:—

[Or] five fusils conjoined in fess [ar.] for
PENNINGTON.

xvi. Fragment containing figure of a young girl
and chrysom.*

xvii. In the South Transept a shield of arms;
quarterly of 6:—

1. —, a chevron—betw. three plates.
2. Barry of ten—and—, a lion ramp.—.
3. —, three boars—2 & 1.
4. —a bend—
5. —a fess between two chevrons.
6. —a fret— †

TURVEY.

xviii. Heraldic fragment fastened to a mural stone
from which the inscription has disappeared;
under window at East end. Arms of a bache-
lor — **MORDAUNT** quartering **LE STRANGE**,
BROCK, & **DE ALNETO**.

TOTTERNHOE.

xix. Inscription only:—

*hic jacet fitr Thomas Grebe quodam
per isti' loci cui' sic p'giciet' deus.*

* Now in the possession of Major Cooper-Cooper, Toddington Manor.

† This brass in the chapel where the Pevre and Cheney families lie
buried, but I cannot assign the coat.

WYMINGTON.

xx. On an altar Tomb of stone covered with a slab of Northamptonshire marble on the N.E. corner of the N. aisle is a small brass plate with 7 Latin lines to WILLIAM BLETSOE. Arms & crest, date 1693.

F. A. B.

CURIOS SURNAMES.

The quaint examples that follow are taken from the Toddington parish registers: Drinkwater, Drawater, Copperwheat, Woptop, Atthews, Edmead, Edwin, Half-penny, Musket, Paternoster, (from Co. Bucks) Thunn, Fitz-john, Niggars.

REGISTER NOTES.

These that follow are transcribed from the fly-leaves of the Toddington registers:

SURPLICE FEES. Every person above 16 years of age ought to pay to the Rector for an offering 4d. at Easter yearly. Ye due for Marriages with banns is sixteen pence, with license five shillings, for a buriall eightpence. The Chancel maintained pt. by the Lord of ye Manor, and part by ye Rector.

CLERKS DUES. The office of Clerk and Sexton are in one person appointed by ye Rector who hath for his wages foure pence paid him by each householder in the parish, besides the accustomed dues for churching - - - d for a Marriage with banns 4d. with license 1s- *buriall bell & grave* 1s. 4d. besides his baskett in Easter week.

These are to certify, that according to ye ancient custome of ye parish of Toddington eight-pence was due to the Rector of yt place for every buriall. Ita est. Wm. Deerman his marke x.

F. A. B.

CHURCH NOTES RELATING TO BEDFORDSHIRE.

The following collection of monumental inscriptions, &c., were taken by Francis Thynne, Lancaster Herald, in the years 1582-3. The greater part has never yet appeared in print—those marked with an * have been printed in No. VIII. of Nichols's *Bibliotheca Topographica Britannica*, 4to, 1783. As these notes were taken previous to the period of the Commonwealth, when so many monuments of the dead, &c., were so ruthlessly destroyed by the Puritans, they will be particularly valuable to the genealogist. They have been transcribed by me from a MS. in the British Museum entitled “Cott. MSS., Cleop. C. III.;” the writing, however, is so crabbed and difficult to decipher that I have been compelled to leave a few blanks. The words within parentheses () are additions made by myself, the spaces within brackets represent those left in the original MS.

August 3rd, 1880.

F. A. BLAYDES.

Monumentes taken out of Bicileswade, or Byclys Wade, or Bigleswade, Ao. dni. 1582, folio 2.

“ *Hic jacet Joh's Enderby sr. qui obiit. [. . . .] A.o. Dni. MCCCC.* whose epitaph is thus” :—

(Here follow four Latin verses.)

Next come 27 Latin verses from the tomb of John Rudyng, LL.B., Archdeacon of Bedford, 1460, died 1481, but as these verses are given in Gough's *Sepulchral Monuments*, Vol. II., p. 272, I will content myself with giving the heraldry :—

His armes are as in the margent, Gu. six escallops g., in the fessepoint a crescent of the second, supported with two birds siluer standing upon two crosse-sheaves

gold.* His worde over his armes is “*All may God smende.*”

The crest over the armes is the Holy Lambe silver in the sun *à leninge* distilling the same into a dyshe gules whereon is St. John’s hedde siluer.

In the great windowe where the altar stood are these armes:—

1. Gu. a saltire arg. impaling gu. a cross fleurie or a crescent for difference.

2. Gu. a cross fleurie or, impaling chequée or and az. a fesse gules.

John Redell of Dunstone & Alice his wyfe gave to Ric. Enderbye and Alice his wyfe certaine land in Stratton dated Ao. 7 R. II.

This writing for Redell’s realey hath the scuttone;—on a saltire—five mullets—

LAYTON-BUSARDE, f. 2b. 2nd Sept. 1582.—In the churche of Layton-Busarde in Bedfordshire, a fayr churche and a reasonable great towne, and yet I found never an armes in the windowe nor any more than one epitaphe w’che is this:—

“*Of yor. chargtys pray for the soules of William Johnsonne, gent., with the Olde, Alice, and Mary his wifes, whiche William dyed the xii day of August, in the yere of our lord godd MCCCCCLXIIII in whose soules Jesus have mercy.*”

TUDDINGTONE, in Bedfordshire, f. 8.

“*Hic jacet Thomas Peyre [or Peyre in the window] qui obiit An. Dom. MCCCCXIX cuius anime propitius dñe.*”

He is statelye burred there cutt out of whit marbell in his armor, about whose tombe are these scotions:—

* I cannot find this coat in Papworth. Mr. J. G. Nichols, in *The Topographer and Genealogist*, Vol. I., p. 65, blazons the coat thus: a crescent, within an orle of escallops; whereas in Burke’s *Armory* the arms assigned to Ruding, Rudinge, and Ruding are totally different.

1. Arg. on a chevron gu. three fleurs-de-lys or.
(PEYVRE.)

2. Gu. a bend varrey silver & asur between six escallops or. (BEAUPLE.)

3. Quarterly arg. and gu. over all a bend of the second.
(LORING.)

4. Not tricked.

“*Hic jacet (* Margaret) uxor Thomae Penner, cuius an'e propitiatur deus.*” She is also very stately cutt out of maruell about whose tombe in a vauete of the walle are these armes:—

1. PEYVRE impaling LORING.

2. LORING.

3. Quarterly of 4, PEYVRE & LORING.

4. PEYVRE impaling LORING.

There is lykewyse an other †Peuer cutt oute of ffree stonne in armo' buried crosse-legged, one whose tombe are these armes and no writing:—

1. (Arg.) on a chevron (gu.) three fleurs-de-lys (or.)
(PEYVRE.)

2. Barry of 5 arg. and az. within a bordure gu.
(? ARDEN.)

3. PEYVRE.

4. As No. 2.

LANGFORDE, f. 103, 24 July, 1583.—“*Hic jacet Th. Thomas Gundou quonda' bicarius istius eccl'ie qui obiit anno die mensis Decembris anno Domini MCCCXIIII cuius an'e propiciatur Deus.*”†

* She was d. and coh. of Sir Neill Loring, of Chalgrave, K.G.

† This is, I have no doubt, the tomb of Nicholas, the father of Thomas Peyvre, who marr. Margaret, d. of Sir Thomas Arden, Kt.

‡ This brass is lithographed by Fisher, being No. 34 of his *Monumental Remains and Antiquities in the County of Bedford*.

In the Glasse Windowes :—

1. — a chevron sa. betw. three bulls arg., horned or.
2. Or, a cross gules betw. four birds gu.
3. Or, three crescents gu, ODWELL, or OUDELL.
4. Bendy of six or and az., on a chief gu. three ? *fleur-de-lys* arg. (? *Trilleck*).
5. Arg. a chevron gu. betw. three pellets.
6. Az. a chevron arg. between three fleurs-de-lys or. (BRAYER).

A vicarage & a p'sonage, the p'sonage belonging to the quene being a mannor.

Thre mannors, one belonging to the Deane of Westmester, the other mannors some tyme Odell's now in the heyres of Chitwell and George Calnely's, or Cheyne hath. dyd during his life by his wyfe the mother of Chitwell. Anthony Odell baronne of Odell.

HENLOE.—A vicarage, the p'sonnage to the quene Lantonye, Holde.*

CLYFTONE, f. 103b, 24 July, 1583.—There lyeth Sir Michael Fisher and his wyfe cutt out in allablaster with these armes :—

1. Arg., on a chevron betw. three demi-lions ramp. gu. as many plates (FISHER).
2. Az., on a chevron betw. three leopards' heads or a mullet sa. (FROWYKE).
3. Arg., on a bend or three birds of the field.†
4. Barry of four or & gu., on a chief az., two stags' heads cabossed of the first (? BARENDENS).

* There was a manor called Henlow Lanthony in this parish which, in 1293, formed part of the possessions of the priory of Lanthony, near Gloucester (Cart. 21, Edw. I.)

† This coat should be — Arg., on a bend gu. three martlets vert legged or (DANVERS).

5. —, a chevron betw. three griffins' heads erased—

This one ys a fysher is supposed to be Judge fysher called Sir Johne fysher, and burried there also Sir Michaell Sonne to the judge.

In one windowe is:—

“Orate pro an'a Joh'is fysher milit. uno justic. d'ni regis de cor'..... Banco et Agnetis uxor eius Ao. 1509.”

“Orate pro an'a Johis fysher ar. filij Michalis fysher militis qui obiit 24 die Iulii, ac. d'ni. 1528.”*

About him are these armes:—

1. Az. fretty gu. three luces naiant or. [*Margaret, wife to Sir Michael fysher.*]

2. FISHER, impaling, az. on a chevron between three leopards' heads or, a mullet (sa FROWYKE).

And other armes, but the plates gone, and seemed in this sort:—

3. —, frettée—on a chief—a lion pass.—†

4. (Or), a fesse undée (gu.) betw. three billets (sa.), a crescent for difference (STANFORDE).

“Orate pro animabus Agnetis nvg. uxoris Wm. Stanforde et Nicholai filii eor' m. qui obierunt Ao. Dom. 1440 quor' animabus propicietur deus.”

“Pray for the soule of Sr. Willia' Garrisonne, late y'ishe priest of this parische churche w'che deceased in the yere of our Lor god 1518, on whose soule Jesus haue mercy.”

“Hic jacet Joh'es Nickowr. He was a preste.

“Hic jacet Walterus Hollybred quondam rector istius eccl'ie qui obiit 22 die Aprillis, Ao. Dom. 1447, cuius a'ne propicietur deus,”

* This brass is engraved by Fisher in his “*Collection of Bedf. Antiquities*”; he gives the matrices of four shields—one at each corner.

† Probably Clifford's coat—Gu., fretty or. on a chief of the second a lion pass. of the first.

A'ponage belonging to the lorde Saint John. Clyftone manor belonging to the lorde Saint John. Another manor belonging [...] Long, sonne to Sr. Richard Long.

Two Bridges.

SHEFFERD, f. 104, 24 Julii, 1583 :—

“Orate pro an'abus Richardi Carbel (? Carvele) et Joh'e moris eius qui obiit 14 mensis februar' Ao. Dom. 1489, quor' anibus prop'etrix deus.”

Arms,—, a chevron gu. betw. three birds.—

Some tyme w'ch shefferd belonging to the Erle of Buc.

WARDEN, f. 104.—Armes in the windowes :—

1. Az., three wardens or (*Warden Monastery*).

2. Arg., three eagles sa. (? KIRKTON).

3. Sa., a lion ramp. or (? BROMHALL).

4. Gu., a bend arg. within a bordure engr. of the second (? BILKEMORE).

5. Gu., a chevron arg. betw. three leopards' heads or (? CARVELE).

6. Gu., a fesse betw. six martlets or (St. AMOND).

NORTHILL, f. 104b.—In the Chancel :—

“Hic jacet d'n's Joh'es warde' primus magister et rector istius eccl'ie collegiate et fundate pro viribus dn'i Joh'is Grayllye militis et Geginaldi eius natu qui obiit ultimo die Julij Ao. Dom. 1422. H'n's vero Joh'is Grayllye obiit die Junij Ao. Dom. 1401, et Geginaldus 18 die octobris, Ao. Dom. 1402.”

“Hic jacet Mr. d'n's Rogerus de Sambellege quondam. de sacraario d'ni regis Edwardi qui obiit 2° nonas Januarij. et qui hanc capellam nobiger construisit cuius an'e propiciatur deus.”

“Hic jacet d'n's Will'm's Boostall quondam canonicus ecclesiam cathedralem Londini et Hereforde et rector hujus eccl'ie qui obiit 12 die Iouenbris Ao. Dom. 1389 cuius a'ne propi'etur deus.”

“Hic jacet Mr. Richardus Bethe a'ng. canonicus eccl'ie cathedralis Lincolne et rector eccl'ie parochialis de Shuntingdonne et Mr.

watermanne Collegii de Northywell qui obiit 8 die octobris An. Domini. MCCCCLiii cuius an'e p'g'ietur deus."

"Hic jacet Elisabeth Godfrey nup' uxor Hic'i Godfrey armigeri quondam uxor Will'i Clifforde armigeri et una filiar' Nicholai Conysforde et' que obiit 16 die mensis martij An. Domini. MCCCCLiiii cuius an'e propi'etetur deus."

Arms.—1. Chequée (or) and (az.) on a fesse (gu.), a crescent (or) (CLIFFORD) impaling, —, a chevron —.

2. Nr. 1, impaling gu., fretty or, on a chief of the second a lion pass. of the first.*

"Hic jacet Henricus Godfrey qui obiit xiiij die mensis martij An. Domini. MCCCCLiiii et Johanne uxor ejus cuius a'i's propi'etetur deus."

f. 105 Praye for the sole of Thomas bn (fig. of a deer lodged contournée) hill (i.e. Underhill) and Margaret his wyfe, father and mother to John bn (ut supra) hill some tyme Mr. of this Colledge w'ch Thomas dec'd the 20 daye of November, MCCCCLxxviii, and the said Margaret the 29 of September in the yere MCCCCExiii, one whose soleles Jesus habe mercye."

Arms—(Arg.) a chevron sa. betw. three trefoils slipped (vert. UNDERHILL) Impaling—a fesse—between three lions pass.—.

In the glasse windowe is Traylye in his cote armour, one his brest—Or, a pleyne crosse gules between fowre birdes of the last, but his shield and his sholders only haue —or, a pleyne cross. His wyfe hathe on her brest the crosse with the birdes and in her hande one a scocone (scutcheon) containing this:—

Az. a cross arg., impaling or, a cross gu.

* I have seen this coat elsewhere blazoned thus:—Arg., fretty sa., on a chief gules a lion pass, or, for Mepertshale. As blazoned in the text, the coat is, by Papworth, assigned to Twyford.

The Colledge belongethe to Sir Thomas Browne, who married one of those heyres, who had p'te of the said colledge and boughte the other two p'tes.

In the glasse windowes be these armes:—

1. —, a chevron or, between three cups arg.
2. Az., a chevron between three stags' heads, couped arg., impaling Chequée arg. and sa., an inescutcheon sa., charged with a ? lion ramp.....arg.
3. Gu., on a bend arg. three trefoils slipped (vert HARVEY).

SANDYE, f. 105b. 24 Julij 1583.

“ hic jacet Joh'is Bertepole unus quondam magistrorum cancellarie regni et rector huius eccl'ie, ac eccl'ie de Brigh'm Cambrie nec non prebendarius prebendi de withinton in eccl'ia cathedrali Herefordie qui obiit 7 die november. Jo. Dni. MCCCCXII cuius an'e progi'etur deus amen.”

In the glasse windowes—

“ Orate pro an'a Will'm Langstone et Margarete consortis eius.”

“ Orate pro an'a Thom'e Burgoine omni istius eccl'ie rector qui hanc seuestria' fieri et vitriari fuit M. D. xiiii.”

Arms—Gu. a frette arg. (BEAUCHAMP).

WRESTLINGWORTH, f. 107, 27 Julij 1583.

“ Orate pro an'a Joh'is Worley qui obiit 6 die Septembris Jo. Dni. M. D. xiiii cuius an'e progi'etur.”

“ Quisquis eris qui transcas te perlege plora,

Si q'd eris etraq' q'des y'me ora.”

[3 sonnes, 2 daughters.]

Two manners, one called [. . . .] belonging to the quene, the other called [. . . .] belonging to the Lord Saint John.

A p'sonage, the enhertance to George Po . . clerk of Pottone.

In the glasse windowe, these armes—

Arg., a chevron betw. three birds sa., impaling az., on a chief dancetté or three annulets arg.

CAKAYNE HATLEY, before called Hately Port, f. 107 b, 27 July, 1583.

“Orate pro n*ost*ri abus Willm Cokayne ar. Dorothee et Katherine uxores eius qui quidem Willmus obiit 12 die februar. An. Dom. M*DC*lxxii.”

[2 sonnes, 2 daughters.]

“Hic jacet Joh^{es} Cockayne qui obiit 22 die mensis Maii An. Dom. M*CCC*xxii et Ida uxor eius que obiit primo die Junij An. Dom. M*CCC*xxii et An. regni regis I. vi, octavo quor^a n*ost*ri abus p*ro*p*ri*etar deus.”

[5 sonnes, 5 daughters.]

Arms—Arg., three cocks gu., an annulet for difference. (COCKAYNE).

In the windowe the ragged staffe is gules, the felde asure:—

Cokayne impaling Az., a ragged staffe gu.

“Hic jacet Joh^{es} Cockayne, ar. et Elisabetha et Johanna uxores eius qui quidem Joh^{es} obiit in die Sci. Albani prothomar^{is} anglie 22 die mensis Julij An. Dom. M*CCC*xx, quor^a n*ost*ri abus p*ro*p*ri*etar deus.”

[3 sonnes, one daughter.]

Arms—1. Cokayne impaling—, a chevron— betw. three roses—.

2. Cockayne impaling (gu.) a fesse betw. three saltires (arg. BOYVELL.)

“Of yo*r* charyte praye for the soule of Edmonde Cockayne esquier and Elisabeth his wyfe w^{ch}e Edmonde deceased the third daye of September in the yere of o*r* Lorde M*DC*lvi one whose soules Jesus habe mercye.”

[xij sonnes, 4 daughters].

Arms—1. Cockayne.

2. —, a chevron—betw. three ? padlocks.*

“ *Hic jacet Margerita Langrichi vidua quondam uxor Walteri Langrichi armigeri cibis et pannar' London qui obiit 16 die januarie anno. Domini. MCCCCCLXVI cuius a' i' e' p.d.* ”

Arms—(Arg.) six billets (sa.) 3, 2, and 1. (LANGRICH) impaling Gyronny of eight az. and arg.

“ *Dame Marie de Brien gisit yci Ihesus de sa ame est merce.* ”

SUTTONE, f. 109. 27 July, 1583.

In the Northe Chapell—

“ *Here lieth the bodey of Sir Robert Catlyne Knight late Lord chayre Justice of Englande who decessed the xvi of September anno. Domini. MDCCLXVII, and of Dame Anne his wyfe and before wyfe of Thomas Burgoyne esquier.* ”

[His wife was the daughter of Bowells of Hertfordshire.]

Arms—Per chevron (or and az.) three lions pass. guard. in pale (counter changed); a chief (arg. CATLYN.) impaling (Arg.) on a chevron betw. three boars' heads (sa.) as many escallops (or.) within a bordure (vert) bezantée (BOWLES.)

“ *Here lieth burred under this ston the bodey of Margaret Burgoyne only daughter of Thomas Burgoyne, esquier, auditor of the duchye of Lancaster, Lord of this Mannor of Sutton and patronne of this churche w'che Margaret decessed in her virgynytie the 27 daye of Maye and of her age the 23 in the yere MDCCLXVII.* ”

Arms—Gu., a chevron (or) betw. three talbots (ar.); on a chief embattled arg. as many martlets (az. BURGOYNE).

In the North side of the Churche :—

“ *Of yo'r chayrtye praye for the soules of Thomas Burgoyne and Elisabeth his wyfe w'che Thomas decessed the 9 daye of August in*

* There must be an error in the blazoning of this coat, as metal upon metal is very unusual.

the yere of or lorde godde M^{CCCC}xxvi one whose soule and all soules Jesus have mercye."*

In the Chancell :—

" Orate pro an'a Dni Roberti Coles quondam rectoris huius eccl'sie qui obiit 15 die nonembris A.o. Dni. M^{CCCC}xxvi.

" A.o. Dni. M^{CCCC}xxviii mense Junij in festo Sc. Bonifacij obiit d'ns Will'mus Patton, Rector de Sutton.

In the midle of the Churche :—

" Hic jacet Thomas Burgoyn et Alina uxor eius qui obiit 2 die Octobris M^{CCCC}albii cuius a'ne p'p'cetur deus."

" Orate p. a'i'abus Roberti Michael quondam mercatoris strugule bille callais et Isabella uxoris sua qui quide' Robertus obiit 8 die februar' A.o. Dni. M^{CCCC}iiii quor a'i'abus p'gletur deus."

DUNSTAPLE, ff. 110, 110b. 29 Sept. 1583.

In the bodye of the Church :—

† 1. " Hic jacet Laurentius Pigot wolmanus nup'de Dunstaple wolmannus qui obiit 5 die mensis februar' A.o. Dni. M^{CCCC}xi et regni regis E. 6. 29, et Alice uxoris eius quor' a'i'abus p'g'r d."

[6 sonnes, 6 daughters, Laurence Cantlow his sonne-in-lawe; this Piggott and Sr. Johne Holme made the windowe of the Northe Ile.]

† 2. " Hic Willam Mulas sibi quam sociabit et Alis: Marmore sub duro; conclusit sors generalis Tert Tres, his quinos hic nos fertur habere Per sponsas binas. Deus his clemens miserere."

† " Of yor chargtie pray for the soules of Hic. Pinfole and

* Engraved by Fisher in *Collection of Bedf. Antiquities*.

The epitaphs marked † are to be found in Nichols's *Bib. Top. Brit.*, No. VIII., pub. 1783, but as that work is scarce and the readings vary, as noted below, I have thought it desirable to give them in full.

1. Nichols gives 4 sons. Inscr. gone in 1714. p. 219.

2. In the Digby pedigree, p. 42, this Alice is called "Marmore"! an obvious error, as "marmore" must here be translated marble. This curious epitaph was first published in "Hakewell's Apology, page 253," and since by Willis in his Appendix to *Hearne's Chron. de Dunst.*, p. 736, and Fuller's *Worthies*, p. 119.

Margaret his wyfe w'ch Ric. decessed the 23 of November in the yere of o'r Lord god MCCCCCxxi on whose sowles Jesus habe mercy."

[4 sonnes, 7 daughters.]

Arms 1.—(Az.) a chevron (or) surmounted of another (of the field) between three doves (ppr. PINFOLD, granted 18 Oct., 1501).

2.—a chevron between three mascles —.

† "Praye for the sowles of Nicholas Pursey Elizabeth and Alice his wifes who decessed the 2 daye of Januar' Ao. MXXXI."

[3 sonnes, 3 daughters.]

"Of yor charite pray for the sowle of Elynor Heynes the wyfe of Mr. John Heynes citizen and grocer of London w'che Elynor died the 3 daye of July in the yere of o'r Lorde godde MXXXI."

"Hic jacet Ric'us Denton qui obiit 18 die marchij Ao. Uni. MXXXI et Elizabeth uxoris eius quor'" &c.

"Hic jacet Laurentius Baldock qui obiit 12 die decembris Ao. Uni. MCCCCI et Katharina uxoris eius quor'" &c.

[3 sonnes, 6 daughters.]

"Praye for the sowles of John Tersall? Carter and Ione his wyfe w'che John decessed the 7 daye of Januar' in the yere of o'r Lorde godde MXXXI one whose sowles Jesus habe mercy."

[6 sonnes.]

† "Praye for the sowles of Robert Lee and Elizabeth and Agnes his wifes w'che Ric. decessed the 4 daye of September the yere of o'r Lorde MXXXI one whose sowles Jesus habe mercy."

† "Hic jacet Joh'is Pedder qui obiit 6 die mensis Augusti Ao. Uni. MCCCCIII et Margareta et Matildis et Agnes uxores eius quor'" &c:—

† 3. "Hic jacet Nicholans Lane quondam presbiter fraternitatis S'r Joh'is Baptista de Gunstable qui obiit s'co'do die mensis decembris Ao. Uni. MCCCCIX et Agnes uxoris eius quor'" &c:—

3. In Nichols the reading is "quondam p'sidens."

4. "Here lyeth Johne Audelye and Agnes his wyfe w'che Johne deceased the 23 daye of febr' Ao. Qui. M. Dciii."

[one sonne, 5 daus.]

"Vons kay par issi gassa gure lalme de Olyot de ? woxenus pries 9 jours de " &c.

"Here lieth John Weltonne other wyse called Golderickins and Elisabeth his wyfe w'che Johne deceased the 8 daye of Januar' Ao. Qui. M. Dccxxiiii one whose sowles Jesus habe mercy."

[6 sonnes, & 5 daus.]

† 5. "Here lieth John Blunt and Elisabeth his wyfe w'che Johne deceased the 22 daye of Aprill in the yere of o'r Lorde M. Dcii one whose sowles Jesus habe mercy."

[8 sonnes, 7 daus.].

6. There is also buried Gervas Markham last prior that was in the Abbeye.

Two fayres & freannde and lammas day merkett upponne wenedaye one freiday w'che they lykewyse call a fayre is a gret merkett for fyshe in sumer so that the londons come thither wth their fyshe.

A priorye and a fryer—the hospitale of Xt. Jesus* for the poore.

The crosse built by ed. i. & the que' died 24 Ed. 1, a^o. 1799 (*sic.*)

The towne was some tyme a walle and belonging to a towne called halton regis then the kinge gave a walle called Buckwell to halton regis in exchange of the walle where dunstable now standethe. likewise he made p'clamations that whosoever wolde come and build here for

4. Nichols gives a fragment of this insc., but no date, p. 224.

5. The date in Nichols, p. 172 is 1500, p. 218 it is 1502.

6. He was buried Sept. 23, 1581.

* These words "Xt. Jesus" have been crossed out in the original MS. There was a hospital at Dunstable dedicated to S. Mary Magdalene.

xij^d the acre might. the p'clamation was because he wolde have them in safete then w'che he desired because the place was so theivsh that none colde escape wy'out robbing wheruppon desirous to have the same made a quiet plac^e he made that proclamation above sayed then he causeth a post to be sett in the grownde and his (?) horse to be fastened wth a staple thereon w'che caused to be watched lest anye sholde steale yt away yet was not the same so warely but in the even yt was stellon by a wydowes sonne of halton regis. then the king serching by art who had donne yt in the end it fell out to be in Bedfordshire then in halton regis lastly in a widdwe's (?) house wheruppon serche being made and no manne founde in the house but the widdowe and her daughter they supposed that they did not steale but in the end when contynuall watche was made aboue thatt house her said sonne called Dune came thither in the night and was apprehended who confessed the facte and theruppone being brought before the kinge he promised to shewe the whole matter so that he might have his lyfe and the lyfes of his associates p'doned wh^e the kinge granted wheruppone he showed to the kinge the manner how he stole his ring and the cave where he reymayned that none might fynde hym when the kinge sending his menne thither to vewe the same they founde his romes furnyshed with hoorses and other things mete for a notorious theife then in the ende the king p'doned hym and he being a goodly fellowe was made the king's menne and the other became keremenne for wh^e cause the kinge to make this place of sure passed after the proclamation made to builde there called the towne Dunstable as the place from whence Dun had stolen the ring from the staple in constidera^con (?) commemorac[']on)

whereof the towne pyneth a staple for their armes. this
the clerke of the towne enformed me of.

Two miles and more west of Dunstable sprinketh
icknell hedd wh^e reeneth a litle streaume w'ch^e comethe
from the campet springes in chiltron hilles the well hedde
arisethe in chiltorne hilles and goethe to the fore saide
house.

Donstable standethe uppon the highe waye of flenell
xxx miles from londane.

BEDFORD.—ST. PETER'S MARTIN.

Mortuaries.—Amongst the papers in the custody of the rector of the above parish is one headed, “A true and perfect Terrar of the parsonage-house, and parsonage of St. Perter Martin in the town of Bedford, &c., taken by direction of the Lord Bishop of Lincoln A.D. 1709.”

Among other dues payable (appears by this Terrar) to the Minister of St. Peter's, mortuaries are thus mentioned:—“Mortuaries are paid—ten shillings for every person that dies possessed of a personal estate left above the value of Forty Pounds; and so in value according to the statute” [21 Henry 8].

“This Terrar is kept in the Archdeacon's Registry at Bedford.” “J. Hook.”

The latter gentleman was, I conclude, the rector, at that date; where was the Archdeacon's registry?

D. G. C. E.

CURIOS EPITAPHS (ii, 54).

On a mural tablet in DUNSTABLE Church, to the memory of Wm. Chew, who died 13th March, 1712, is the following satirical epitaph :—

“ Here lies the body of William Chew,
That when alive was beloved by few ;
Now where he’s gone, or how he fares,
Nobody knows, nor nobody cares.”

LUTON.—On a brass (now gone) to the memory of John Ackworth, who died 17th March, 1513, was the following quaint medley :—

“ *O man whi e’er thou be, Timor Mortis shulde trouble the
For when thou leest wenyst
beniet te
Mors superrare
And so Grabe graby
Ergo mortis memoraris
Jesu mercye : Lady helpe : Mercy Jesu.*”

In the N. Transept. on a stone to the memory of Daniel Knight, is this rhyming epitaph :—

“ Here lyeth the body of Daniel Knight,
Who all my life time lived in spite.
Base flatterers sought me to undoe,
And made me sign what was not true.
Reader take care whene’er you venture,
To trust a canting false dissenter,
Who died June 11th, in the 61st
year of his age, 1756.

F. A. B.

In the churchyard at Turvey, on a plain altar-shaped tomb is a brass inscribed as follows to the memory of John Richardson :—

“Here lyeth JOHN RICHARDSON under this wall,
 A faithful true servant at Turvey Old Hall,
 Page to the first Lord Mordaunt of fame,
 Servant to Lewis, Lord Henry, and John :
 Payneful and careful and just to them all,
 Till death took his life.
 God have mercy of his soule. Amen.”

In the church at Pavenham are the two following :—
 “Under this place lyeth inter’d the Body of Jo— Franklyn, Esq., he departed this life the 23rd day of February, MDCCXLVIII.

I was a Stranger in this place
 As ware my Fathers all,
 And at the AGE of Forty-nine
 The Lord for me did call.”

“Near this place lieth the Remains of John Brown, who died July 8, 1807, aged 34 years.

Peace ! 'Tis the Lord Jehovah's hand
 That Blasts our joys in death
 Changes the Visage once so dear
 And gathers back the Breath.”

“Also John Brown, his son, died Oct. 15, 1807, aged 6 months.

This lovely bud—so young so Fair—
 Called hence by early doom,
 Just come to shew how sweet a Flower
 In Paradise would Bloom.”

(*The above are all from Harvey's “Hist. of the Willey Hundred”.*)

CURIOS CUSTOM.

In this parish (Tilsworth) and also at Stanbridge a curious custom prevails which I never remember to have observed before:—At the celebration of Holy Communion, in the first named parish, the males communicate first, and the women last, while in the latter parish the reverse is the case, the women communicating first, and the men last. It would be interesting to know if this custom is observed elsewhere in the County. I may add that at Tilsworth the men and women sit apart at Church, while in Stanbridge Church they sit together. F. A. B.

CENTENARIANS (i, 21).

(I. 20.) From Mr. W. Marsh Harvey's Hist. of the Wily Hundred, I extract the following inscription on a grave-stone in the churchyard of Bromham, erected by direction of Lord Trevor:—

“In memory of—Joan Birt widow—who was born at Biddenham—in this County in the year—1655, died in this parish—Augt. 2d 1770.”

JOHN BUNYAN.

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D. G. C. E.

TILSWORTH.—In the chancel of the Church of All Saints, Tilsworth, are two large canopied tombs; the one on the north side, commemorating the Fowler family, formerly lords of the manor, appears to have been built for the reception of life-size figures under the canopy; but there are no traces of any having existed. The inscription is as follows:—

*"Here lyeth the body of Gabriel Fowler, Esqr. who departed this life the 16th day of Agvst Ano. Dni 1582. who tooke to wife Elizabeth one of the daughters and coheaires of Roger Moore of Bvrsiter in the Covnty of Oxford Esquire by whome he had issye Richard, Mary, Agnes, Elizabeth, and Jane, Mary the eldest daughter hath cauſed this inscription to be set vp. And hath likewise bestowed yearly for ever The somme of five pounſ towards the maintainance of a preaching Minister in this Chvrch of Tilswoſte, that ſhall make a Sermon ye firſt 8ynday of every month in the yeare and ſhall beginne the third of October 1624."**

Over the canopy is a shield carved in stone (no tinctures) surmounted by a Crest—an owl (arg.) ducally crowned (and membered or).

Dexter side.—

1. (Arg.) Three wolves' heads erased (gu.) within a bordure (of the second) charged with eight castles (or). **FOWLER, Co. Oxford.**

* This endowment has been lost for a considerable period.

2. Ermine, on a canton (gu.) an owl (arg.) BARTON.
3. Barry of five (arg. and gu), on a chief (or) a lion pass. guard. (az) ENGLEFIELD.
4. Vair (arg. and gu.) ? *Gresley* or *Gernon* *
5. (Az.) on a chevron (arg.) betw. three lions pass. guard. (or) as manny crosses moline (sa.) FOWLER charged with an inescutcheon,—(gu.) a fesse betw. four sinister hands couped (arg.) QUATERMAYNE.†

Impaling.—

- 1 and 4. (Arg.) a fesse indented (componée sa. and gu). betw. three mullets (of the last). MOORE, of Bicester.
2. —a fesse—between three annulets—?—
3. Barry of *five* erm. and (gu.) a crescent for difference HUSSEY of Dorset.‡

On the south side of the altar is the Chester monument, with life-size figures of Sr. Henry Chester, Knt., his 1st wife Judeth, da. of Mr. Bankworth, of Bow Lane, London, and son Robert; at the back under the canopy is a long Latin inscription, and below is the following:—

"Here vnder lyes bveried the body of Sr. Henry Chester Knight | of the honovrable order of the Bath created to that dignitey | att the coronation of or. Soveraigne Lord King

* I should be glad to have this quarter identified; it is generally attributed to Gernon, of Lavington Gernon, in Wilts., but both the family and locality are involved in obscurity. In the Visitation of Oxford, Harl. Society. Quatermain is there said to impale the above quarter for Grealey.

† Should be *dexter* hands.

‡ Should be barry of *six*, the arms of Agnes Hussey, wife of Roger Moore. She appears to have afterwards remarried to Sir Edw. Saunders, Kt., Chief Baron of the Exchequer (Chief Justice, K. B., 18 Nov. 1599), as Gabriel Fowler, in his will, dated 16 Aug., 1582, appoints the Lady Saunders, his mother-in-law, overseer of his will. The brass to Roger Moore in Bicester Church, 1551, states that his *wife* Agnes was buried there also, but no allusion to her second marriage.

*Charles the 2 and | also the bodyes of Jvdeth his first wife and
Robert his only son by the | Wisdome care and prvdence of
the said Sr. Henry Chester the family | was restored and
advanced and therefore his grateful nephev (sic) | Sr. Anthonie
Chester of Chicheley Baronett hath consecrated this | monu-
ment to his memory as an eternal testimony of honovr | love
and thankfulness he dyed on the 30th of Jvly 1666."*

Over the tomb is a shield, carved in relief in stone and painted, of six quarters as under :—

1. Three rams' heads erased arg. horned gu., within a bordure of the last. CHESTER.
2. Az. fretty arg., a mullet for difference. CAVE.
3. Gu., three mullets arg.
4. Sa., on a bend fleurie counter-fleurie or, three. . .
gu. BROMFLEETE.
5. Erm., on a bend arg. three ? dolphins' heads sa.
langued gu.
6. Arg., three ? moorcocks az., legged and beaked gu.
CREST, a ram's head erased arg., horned or.

5th Nov., 1880.

F. A. BLAYDES.

EXTRACTS FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS OF TILSWORTH.

1653. Oct. 25.—John, sonne of Richard ffouler was
borne.

1656. Jan. 21.—Richard, sonne of Richard fowler was
borne.

1650. Feb. 21.—Ellin, dahther of Richard ffouler was
borne.

1647. Feb. 9.—Mary, dahter of Richard ffouler was
borne.

1660. Apl. 16.—Richard and Thomas, the sonnes of Richard ffowler was borne.

Gathered for Mr. James Melvell's brief two shillings two pence. Henry Harrison's brief 2s. 6d. Tho. Brice collector.

Gathered for Luthiana 00—02—1.

1657.—Richard, the sonne of Richard ffowler deceased.

1658. May 5.—Mary, the dahter of Richard ffowler deceased.

1659. June 1.—Robert Chester, ye sonn of Henry Chester Esqr. Deceased ye 1st day of June 1659.

1665. May ?—Richard fowler buryed.

1666. Aug. 1.—S. Henry Chester was buryed the 1 day of August.

1668. Oct. 25.—hennery, son of hennery fowler was bapt.

1672. Dec. 31.—Sara, the da. of hennery ffouller was bapt.

1673. Sept. 7.—Mary, the da. of Jasper hilyer was bapt.

1673. Sept. 20.—Widdow ffouller was buryed.

1675. June 13.—Sara, ye da. of hennery ffouller was buried.

1676. July 30.—Sara & Mary the daughters of Henney ffouler was buryed.

1678. Aug. 9.—Mary, the da. of Henry fowler was buried in wollen.

1678. Nov. 17.—Mary, the da. of Zacryas Gray was bapt.

1679. Sept. 14.—Mary, the da. of Henry Fowler was bapt.

1680. Aug. 1.—Mary, the da. of Henry fowler was buried.

1715. Oct. 14.—Richard ye s. of John & Ann Fowler Bur.

1716. Oct. 30.—William, the son of William Varney, Gent. and Katherine his wife bapt.

1719. Oct. 25.—Sarah, wife of Richd. fowler of Dunstable, Brazier, Buried.

1719. Feb. 26.—Em. Tuckey, Da. of William Varney, Gent. and Katherine his wife, Bapt.

1721. Oct. 16.—Elizabeth, wife of Edward Kerrell in ye Precincts of White Friers, London, was Buried.

1721. Feb. 10.—Isaac Mayling, Gent. Buried.

1724. Apl. 16.—William Nichols of London, Grocer, and Elizabeth Tuckey of this Parish married. Licentia.

1724. Sept. 18.—Thomas Prentise, yeom. and Mary Tuckey, spinster married. Licet.

1725. Apl. 27.—Tho. fowler, Batchr. Buried.

1726. Aug. 2.—George Varney Labr. & Agnes Williams, spinster, both of this Parish married (Banns).

1726. Nov. 27.—Catherine wife of Wm. Varney, gent. o' Dunstable.

1726. Dec. 2.—Jonas King o' London Buried.

1727. Sept. 10.—Thomas Prentiss, yeom. buried.

1727. Dec. 15.—Anne, wife of John Fowler Clarke was buried.

1729. Dec. 9.—Charles Chester Ayre, Gent. buried.

1730. Nov. 2.—John Fowler Clarke was buried.

1730. Mar. 1.—William Fowler of Ivinghoe Aston & Elizabeth Culverhouse of Northall marr.

1734. Jan. 4.—John Metcalf, a Butcher buried (he was found dead in the fields).

1735. Apl. 4.—Mr. William Tuckey ye elder, buried.

1735. Apl. 9.—Mr. Goldsmith of Luton and Elizabeth Lawrance of ye sd. parish, mar. p. L.

1737. Oct. 2.—William Varney & Ann Foxon married.

1739. Dec. 5.—Elizabeth, wife of John Fowler buried.

1742. May 5.—Mr. John Grier from London and Miss Ruth Groome of Dunstable, married by License.

1746. May 20.—Mrs. Tuckey, widow buried from Toddington.

1746. Oct. 30.—Jno. Fowler, and Alice Lawrence from Dunstable married.

1750. Aug. 20.—Mr. Richard Partridge, and Rebeccah Fowler both of Tilsworth, married by License.

1760. Feb. 8.—Buried, Mr. William Tuckey.

1763. Dec. 24.—John Fowler laid in the Churchyard.

1787. Sept. 26.—Rev. Robt. Fawkner (dissenting Minister) & Mary Ansted, by license.

1768. Oct. 11.—Thomas Knight, & Mary Fowler both of this parish, by Banns.

1773. Sept. 2.—William Fowler of the parish of Harenpenden, in the County of Hartford, Batchelour, and Kran Gibbs spinster, of this Parish were mar. by License.

1776. Oct. 10.—Joseph Iremonger, of the Parish of Hempstead, in the County of Hertford, batchelor, & Mary Oney of the parish of Tilsworth, spinster, were mar. p. License.

1782. Oct. 29.—Thos. Fain of the parish of Flitwick, & Mary Iremonger of this parish p. License.

In the churchyard is a stone with the following remarkable inscription. It is an object of curiosity to all visitors, and probably has been frequently copied, though I have never yet seen it in print. "Master" Horne, the old parish clerk, told me that he was one of the first, if not the first, to discover the body of this unfortunate woman, whose identity has never to this day been discovered; nor was the murderer ever discovered. It appears that the

murderer and his victim were seen to walk in the direction of Blackgrove wood, which is within sight of Tilsworth Church. I have been told, however, that a man named Evestaffe confessed to the murder on his deathbed. He had been tried, I believe, on suspicion, but there being no evidence to convict, he was acquitted.

"This Stone was erected
by subscription
TO THE MEMORY OF
A FEMALE UNKNOWN
found murder'd in Blackgrove wood.
AUG. 15th 1821.

Oh pause my friends and drop a silent tear
Attend and learn why I was buried here
Perchance some distant earth had hid my clay
If I'd outliv'd the sad, the fatal day.
To you unknown, my case not understood
From whence I came, or why in Blackgrove wood
This truth's too clear and nearly all that's known
I there was murder'd ! and the villian's flown
May God, whose piercing eye pursues his flight
Pardon the crime, but bring the deed to light.

F. A. BLAYDES.

CURIOS ENTRIES IN PARISH REGISTERS

(ii, 61).

The following extracts are from the Registers of Houghton Conquest, and from the quaintness are worthy of publication.

"Thomas Bullord clerk of the parish of Houghton dyed the 3 of April 1626 in the evening on w'ch night the church was Robbed the theves broke in at the window of

ye church and with an Iron Coulter they brake up the vestrie Dore and did steale and carye away A new surpless and almnes diaper cloth vsed for the communion table and they brake up two locks of the poores mans box and carried away suche mony as they found in the Boxe."

George Abrey slayne by Rich. Elkyn buryed 6 Januarie 1608.

Mem.—That an agreement was made in the year 1725 between Dr. Zachary Grey Rector of Houghton Conquest and the parishioners of Houghton aforesaid that the said Dr. Zachary Grey shall not for the future be under any obligation whatsoever to keep either a Bull or a Boar.

The seuerall inscriptions upon the five old bells were as followeth :—

1. Sr. Edmund Conquest, Sr. ffrancis Clarke, Mr. Thomas Archer, Mr. Thomas Audley 1633.
2. Lord Ailsbury, Lord Ashburnham, Benedt. Conquest Esq., Thomas Armstrong Esq., Etheldreda Conquest, Henry Pearce, Thomas Impey.
3. Ave Maria ! Gratia Plena !
4. Vive diu sed vive Dei, Deus omnia videt, 1626.
5. The Trinity have mercy upon me. Margaret Conquest.

Trinitata Sacra fiat hac Campana beata.

These five bells were run into six by Thomas Russell of Wooton in the year 1724.

An. Dom. 1625 [the great plague.]

Buried in the 97 parrishes with in the walls of the citie of London of all deseased 14340 wher of the plague—9197.

Thomas Archer person of Houghton gave Ten Pounds to the making of a ffyft Belle in Anno Dom. 1626, Aprilis primo.

Mr. Beverly took poset'on of the Church of Houghton Conquest and Ronge his Bells the 7th day of Jun being wisson Sunday.

The following are from the MSS. of the Rev. Thomas Archer sometime Rector of Houghton Conquest.

“The Prayer of the Churche of Houghton.”

O Lord Blesse all such with longe life, health, Joye, and Rest

That giues ought to the Church, the high wayes and the poore man's Chest

O Lord give them plentye, peace, and spending

And Heaven Blisse at their ending. Amen. Amen.

God loueth a cherefull gever
 Ill Tithers ill Thrivers
 pay God's part first
 and not of the woarst.

MEMORANDUM.—That in Anno 1625 one Bonion of Elsto and 3 other? *clyminge* of Rookes neasts in the Bery wood ffound 3 Rookes in a nest all white as milke and not a black fether on them ther bills wer white ther ffeete read and one of these rookes Sr. Edmond Conquest kept alyve and another of them was given to Mr. Leigh of Cadwell by Bedford.

F. A. B.

OBITS.—The following notes are taken from the MSS. collections of the Rev. Thomas Archer, sometime Rector of Houghton Conquest, and are headed—“A commemoration of the names of worthie persons deseased with the just tyme when many of them dyed.” I have selected those relating to this county:—

fo. 59b. Thomas Archer borne in St. Edmunds Burie
12 Aug. 1554.

fo. 60. Gulielmus Conquest, gener. filius Joannæ obijt
15 Decembris 1591. (*The date in the Parish Register is
25 Dec. 1592*).

Etheldreda Conquest uxor prefati Gulielmi obijt 7^o die
februarij 1591 (1592 in Register).

Obijt Henricus Birch de Maldean, gener. die Martis
Januarij 29. Anno dom: 1593.

Obijt Domina Izabella Ratliffe de Elstow, die marcurij
octabo Maij vigilia Ascentionis Domini Saluatoris hora
prima post meridiem Eiusdem diei me presente Anno Dom: 1594, Reg. Reginæ Elizab. tricesimo sexto, concion' habita
per me Thom: Arch: Text—27 Math., vers 57 "*And
when the evening was come ther cam a Rich ma' of Arimathia
named Joseph*"—vt sequiter.

Richardus Conquest factus miles in Anno 1603, Anno
primo R. Jacobi.

Obijt Robertus Hewet, gener. de Milbrook 12 die Junij,
et sepultus erat apud Amphill 13 Junij, Anno 1601 concione
hab. p. me Tho: Archer, Text—18 Math., vers 23.

Obijt Maria Hewet, gener. vxor Gulielmi Huet de Mil-
brook, Armig. Septimo die Junij, Anno dom: 1602.

Mr. Richard Duncombe, gent., a worthie sea captayne
was buryed in Houghton Chancel 13 february, Anno Dom: 1613; concione habita p. me T. A.

fo. 60b. Obijt Magister Edmondus Hewet, Rector
ecclesiae de Maldean in Com: Bed: decimo quinto die
Septemb: Anno Dom: 1597, Reg: Elizabeth 39; concion'
funeb' ibi habita p. me Tho: Archer; Text—cap 55 Isay,
vers 6, "*Take the Lord while he may be founde.*"

Obijt Magister Johannes Hammond, Rector Ecclesiae de

Maldean, in comit: Bed: 23 februarij, Anno Dom: 1603, Regis Jacobi primo; concione habita p. me Tho: Archer; Text—Luke 3, vers 9, “*The axe is now layd to the roote of the Trees.*”

Obijt Mr. Thomas Glover, Rector Ecclesiæ de Maldean, in com: Bedf:, 30 die Decemb:, 1611, Regis Jacobi Nono; Text—Math. 9, of Jayrus' daughter raysed from death to lyfe.

Obijt Magister Edwardus Snagg, Rector de Marston Mourton, in Com: Bed:, 3 die Junij., in vigilia Pentecost Anno Dom: 1598, Reginæ Elizab: Quadragesimo; concione ibi hab't p. me Tho: A.; Text—“*cupio dissolui et esse cum Christo.*”

Obijt Mr. Thomas Aldrich, vicarius ecclesiæ de Wilshamstead, vicesimo septimo die maij, Anno Dom: 1598, Reginæ Elizabeth Quadragesimo; concion' habit' p. me Tho: Archer; Text—3 genes’ “*In the sweat of thie face shalt ye eat Thye Bread till thou retourne to the yearth out of the wch. thou wert taken, because ye art dust & to dust shalt ye retourne.*”

Obijt Mr. Noke, vicarius de Bedford pauli, July 3, 1600; concione ibid' p. me Tho: Arch:; Text—John 5. “*Syn no more least a worse thing com to the*”

Obijt Venerabilis vir, Magister Jacobus Bill, Rector de Sutton, quondam vicemagistr' collegij Trinitat' in Cantabrg: et mei amicissimus, 27 die Septembris, Anno Dom: 1606; concione habita apud Sutton p. me Thom: Archer; Text—27 Matthew vers 57, of Joseph of Arimathia burring the bodie of Christ.

Obijt Magister Rogerus Hudson, vir de Coople, 3 die Januarij, 1607; concione ib'm habit' p. me Tho: Arch; Text—1 Cor. cap. 15, vers 51, “*We shall not all dye but*

we shall all be changed in a moment on the Twincing of an Eye."

Obijt Magister Richardus Reynar, Rector de Mepsall, in Com: Bedf: , 19 Septemb: , Anno Dom: 1613 ; concione ib'm habita p. me Thom: Archer ; Text—Cor. 9, “*Sic currite ut comprehendatis.*” In whose place I succeeded person, presented ther vnto by our Soueragne Lord, King James, my most gratioues Lord, and I his most vneworthy Chaplaine ; And I was Instituted in to the Rectorie of Mepsall in November, Anno: 1613.

Obijt Mr. William Stoner, Rector de Asplye Guies in Comit: Bedf: , septimo die Septemb: , Anno dom: 1617 ; concione ibi habita p. me Tho: Arc: Text—2 Sam., cap. 14, vers 14, “*for we must needes dye and we ar as water spilt in the ground wh. cannot be gathered vp agayne.*”

Obijt Mr. Humphredus Moror, Rector de Maldean, in Comit: Bedford: 27 Decembris, Anno dom: 1614.

Mr. Richardus Leuerock, vicarius de Wotton, obijt 16 die Decembris, Anno dom: 1599 ; concione habita p. me T. Ar: , Text—Acts 7, “*lord lay not this synne vnto ther charge, And soe he fell asleepe.*”

fo. 61. Obijt Magister Nathaniel Gilbie, Magister Hospitij S'ti Johannis in Bedford, 8 July, apud London, Anno Dom: 1616.

Obijt venerabilis vir, Magister Thomas Brightman, diuini verbi sincerus concionator. Rector de Hawns in Comit: Bedford, 21 die Augusti, Anno Dom: 1607, at whose funerall preached Mr. D. Buckley. This Mr. Brightman died most suddenly being well and dead in less then a quarter of an hour. In his life tyme he writ a learned commentarie of the Reualation of St. John, also he writ vpon Ecclesiastes, & the cantikles.

Obijt **Magister Gulielmus Sage**, Rector de Toddington, in Com : Bedf. : publicus verbi dei concionator, Sexto die Augusti, Anno Dom : 1598, et Regni Reginæ Elizabeth Quadragesimo.

Obijt **Mr. Robertus Rislie** de Wilshamstead, 19 August 1623.

Obijt **Mr. Nathaniel Kitchiner**, Rector de Gravenhurst, 16 die Novembris, Anno dom : 1621.

fo. 62b. Mr. John Marburie, of Warden, Esquier, was buried at Warden the 5 day of September, Anno Dom : 1615, in whose place, some Twentie Two yeeres before, I preached at the Burial of his worthie father, Mr. Thomas Marberie, Seargant of the pantrie to Queen Elizabeth. Text—Hebreews, cap. 9, vers 27, “*It is appointed vnto all men that they shall once dye, and after that commeth the judgment.*”

Obijt Venerabilis vir, **Richardus Conquest senior**, Miles Indubitatus patronus de Houghton, 28 Novembris, Anno dom : 1617 ; concione habita per me Thomam Archeri die solemnizationis eius funeris, 18 decemb : Text—32 of Deutronomie, vers 29, “*Oh that men wear wise, Then would they understand this and they would consider ther latter end.*” This Sr. Richard was buried in the Tombe in the chauncell wher his wife had beene Buried before in Anno 1602, Maij 7.

fo. 62b. Obijt **Mr. Johannes Leigh** de Cawdwell, prope Bedford, Armiger, 25 die Martij, Anno dom. 1620.

Obijt **Mr. Willielmus Hewet** de Milbrooke, Armiger, 19, die Martij, Anno dom. 1620. Obijt Anno \AA etatis Nonagesimo Tertio.

Obijt **Honorat** : dom : **Henricus Comes Cantiæ**, 31 Januarij apud Wrest inter horas 5 et 6 po' meridiem,

Anno Dom : 1614, Reg : Regis Jacobi duodecimo Angliæ.
(*vide fol. 44 b.*)

Obijt Honorat : Dom : Carolus Gray, Comes Cantiaæ, 27 Septembris, apud Blonham, inter horas 10 et 11 meridia' Anno dom : 1623, Anno Regni Regis Jacobi Angliæ vicesimo primo. He dyed on Satterday.

Obijt Magister Robertus Risle, vicarius de Wilshamstead, 19 Augusti, Anno dom : 1623.

Obijt Magister Thomas Anscell de Barford, Armiger, 29 Augusti die Veneri hora secunda ante meridiem, in Anno 1623, Reg : Regis Jacobi vicesimo primo.

Obijt Edwardus Fisher, gener : , de Amphill, 20 March 1622.

Obijt domina Susanna Longdeville, vxor Michael Londeville, militis, quæ fuit filia Caroli Comitis Cantiaæ, in die s'tae Luciæ, 13 decemb : An : dom : 1620. Buried at Blonham.

fo. 63 b. Richard Conquest was twice high shrieve of the Countie of Bedford, videlic' 19 Reginæ Elizabeth, et anno the 39 of Elizabeth, and he was knighted in Anno 1603.

Mr. George Roderam of Summaris in Bedfshire, Esquier, John Dyve of Bromham, Esquier, Nicholas Luke of Coople, Esquier, and William Boteler of Bidenham, Esquier, the 4 worthie gentleman wher in ther Tymes twice high shrieves in Bedfordshire.

Sir Edmond Conquest, Knight, was high shrieve of Bedfordshire in Anno dom : 1618, Reg : Regis Jacobi decimo sexto.

Lewis Dyve the sonne of Mr. John Dyve of Bromham, Esquier, was borne the forth day of November, being Soneday, and was baptized the xxvth of November, being

St. Catherine's day, Anno dom: 1599, Regni Reginæ Elizabeth Quadragesimo secundo. Sponsores, Dominus Oliverus St. John, Dom: de Bletsoe et Franciscus Goodwin, Armiger, qui Representauit siue deputatus erat Honoratisimi Domini Dom: Grey de Wilton, et Magistra Boteler de Bidnam, substitus Honoratissimæ Dominæ Comitissæ de Warwick. Concione habita tunc temporis apud Bromham, p. me Thomam Archeram.

Charles Conquest, filius Edmundi Conquest, Militis, Natus 4 die Septembris, baptizatus 14 die Septembris 1615. Sponsores habuit Carolum Comitem Cantœ, Richardus Conquest, militem, seniorem, et dominam Cheanie, uxorem Thomæ Cheanie, militis.

fo. 64. Sir Edmond Wilde, Knight, and Mistris Dorothie Clerke were married the 23 of June, Anno 1617, Regni Regis Jacobi decimo Quinto.

Edmond Wilde, the sonne of Sir Edmond Wylde, Knight, was borne the 10th day of October, being Satterday, in the afternoone, and was baptized the 29 of October, Anno dom: 1618, Reg. Regis Jacobi decimo sexto. Sponsores, Edmondus Conquest, Miles, Franciscus Clerke, Armiger, et Judith Conquest, generosa.

fo. 67 b. Obijt Thomas Hillarsdean de Amphill, Miles, 19 Junij, Anno dom: 1623, Anno Regis Jacob: Vicesimo primo. Buried at Elstoe, by Bedford.

Obijt Mr. ffranciscus Nicols of the great parke, the vjth of September, Anno dom: 1624. Sepultus apud Amphill.

Obijt Mr. Christopherus Wilson, vicarius de hawns, publicus verbi Dei predictor, 29 of September, Anno dom: 1624.

Obijt Venerabilis vir, Humphredus Winche, miles,

vnus Justitiarum Regis ad placida audienda et determinanda, Quarto die ffebruarij, Anno dom : 1624, dominus Regis Jacobi Angliæ, ffranc :, et hibernii vicesimo secundo.

Mr. ffrancis dillingham, preacher, and minister of Will-dean departed this life the 25th of ffebruarie, Anno dom : 1624.

Obijt venerabilis vir, Mr. Nicholaus Hidde, Miles, Vicesimo die Martij, anno dom : 1624, apud Auberie in comitatu Harfordie.

fo. 68 b. Sir ffrancis Clerke was high shrive for the Countie of Bedford in a part of anno Dom : 1623 And in a part of 1624, and Kinge Jeames king of great Brittane, fraunce, And Ireland being this yeere in his progress in Bedford shire graced him with the degree of knighthood 1624, in July.

fo. 69 b. Obijt Venerabilis vir, Thomas Snagg, Miles de Marston Mourton, quinto die ffebruarij, Anno dom : 1626, et anno Regis Caroli Secundo. This knight disinherited his eldest sonne, Mr. Thomas Snagg, in his lyfe tyme.

Obijt venerabilis vir, ffranciscus Ventris, Miles, de Campton, decimo Tertio die Martij, Anno Dom : 1626, et Anno Regis Caroli Secundo. This knight also is reported, before his death, to have disinherited his eldest sonne, Mr. ffrancis Ventris.

Mr. Lewys Leigh of Cawdwell in Bedford, Esquier, departed this lyfe the 26 of June, Anno dom : 1629.

Mr. Thomas Awdley, the youger, sonne and here vnto Mr. Thomas Awdley, Esquier, and counceler at the law, departed this Lyfe the 29 of April 1630 and was buried in the chauncell of Houghton the 30 of April 1630. This Thomas Awdley, the younger, was borne the 4 day

of december, anno Dom ; 1604, Regni Regis Jacobi secundo
(tide fol. 64A *hoc libro*).

Mr. John Smith of Bromham, commissarie and official
ffor the Archdeaconry both of Bedford as also Buck'amshire
departed this lyfe at his howse, called Baynards Castle in
london, the Tenth day of Aprill, Anno dom : 1630.

Sir Henry Astry of Harlinton in the County of Bed :
Knight, departed this the 25 of Aprill, Anno dom : 1630.

Mr. ffrancis Raulinson, person of Toddington in Bed-
fordshire departed this lyfe the xvijth of August in Anno
Dom : 1630.

Mr. Michael Grigg, a Draper in London, was this yeare,
1630, high shrieve for Bedfordshire.

fo. 70 b. Mistris Jane Conquest, daughter of Sr.
Edmond Conquest, Knight, departed this lyfe the xiiijth
of September, Anno dom : 1630.

Sr. Edward Gostwick of Willington, in the Countie of
Bedford, Knight, and Baronet, departed this liefe at his
howse in Willington the 20 of September, in Anno dom :
1630.

fo. 71. Sr. ffrancis Clerke was married to M. Anne
Conquest the 26 of Novembr. 1593.

Sr. Edmond Wylde & the Ladie Dorothie Conquest
were married the 23 of June 1617.

Edmond Wyld, Esq., borne the 10th of October, being
Satterday, in the after noone, and was baptizeth the 24 of
October, 1618.

Sr. Edmond Conquest high shrieve, 1618.

Richard Conquest, the sonne of Sr. Edmond, was borne
the 26 of September, 1597, which is 66 yearess since.

For permission to make these interesting extracts I have
to thank the Rector of Houghton Conquest, the Rev. E.

Bowling, in whose custody the Archer MSS. are, who very kindly afforded me every facility for so doing.

F. A. BLAYDES.

LEIGHTON BUZZARD.—In searching over the parish registers of Draughton, Co. Northampton, last week I came across a spelling of the above name, which is new to me. The subjoined extracts are an example:—

“ William Seayre, of Laighton debuzard in ye County of Bedford and Alice Orpin* daughter of John Orpin and Margaret his wife were marryed the third day of februarie, 1643.”

“ Hannah Seaire daughter of William Seare of Laighton debuzard and of Alice his wife was baptised the second day of Januarie, 1644.”

Buzzard is, of course, a corruption of Beaudesert, the etymon of which is *beau assart*, Norman French for a fine or large clearing, a term generally applied to a piece of land reclaimed from a forest and brought into cultivation; and to confirm this it appears that in the time of William I. Leighton was situated in the midst of a large forest. That the name is at least nearly 600 years old is proved by an entry I had the opportunity of seeing recently in a MS. parchment volume, formerly belonging to the Diocesan Registry of Lincoln, but now preserved in University Library, Cambs. It is there spelt under date 1309 in contemporary writing “ Leyghtone Busard.” Of the many ways of spelling this name, I certainly think “ Beaudesert” the best, as it conveys some idea of the meaning and derivation of the name, the corruption “ Buzzard” is both ugly and misleading. F. A. B.

* This Alice Orpin was doubtless da. of John Orpin, Rector of Draughton, who was buried Feb. 17, 1656.

CURIOS ENTRIES IN PARISH REGISTERS
(ii, 61 ; iii, 87).

1658, Nov. 14.—Thomas Matthew died the 12th day of November and was buried the 14th day of November 1658 in his garden Late taken out of his orchard.

1663, Oct. 8.—Ann White widow buried in the quakers' burying place by Edmund White, ye Anabaptist contrary to law.

1663, March 13.—Gulielmus Shakespeare de Fancot, sepultus erat.

1719, Dec. 31.—William Norman put in ye ground, being an Anabaptist.

1725, March 21.—Bernard Stoniford, Bricklayer hurl'd into a grave.

1727, Aug. 30.—Harris, Widd, hurl'd into ye ground.

1727, Jan. 9.—Olney's child hurl'd into ye ground.

1728, Aug. 26.—Mary Shaw, Widdow, hurl'd into ye ground.

1730, May 25.—James son of a young w—— who lodges at John Waters's at Herne. She calls herself by ye name of Mary Arnold & sais ye name of ye child's Father is John Deverill. I am told they both came from Winslow in ye County of Bucks or thereabout.

1737, Jan. 26.—Ann, Dåter of Mary ye wife of John Quaringdon wo thought fit to get marry'd to one Daniel Search & burying him is now marry'd as is said to one Samuel Purton by whom she has this Dåter Ann Baptis'd Jan. 26. Her Husband John Quaringdon now living in ye Towne.

1738, May 29.—John, a male child laid and found in a Neighbour's cart conditionally baptis'd—this child is about 6 months old.

1743, June 17.—Elizabeth, daughter of John & Jane Willison of Hern Daryman, Baptised. N.B.—This child has 5 compleat fingers on ye right hand beside ye Thumb.

1751, Sept. 6.—Samuel Harris hurl'd into the ground.

1766, June 7.—Isabella Louisa Grimaldi, an infant, baptis'd.

(*The above, from Toddington Registers, appeared in NOTES & QUERIES, 5th S. XII. 85.*)

1684, July 29.—Buried, Edith, the beautifull da. of Rob. and Ann Jefferey. (*Turvey Registers*).

1761, Dec. 16.—John Mawbey, Publican and Sinner, buried. (*Harrold Registers*).

1609, June 29.—John Sylvester, the sonne of a Roaging Woman who sayd she had a husband called John Sylvester, bap.

1762, Aug. 3.—Thomas Bailey, shoemaker, buried, died mad, occasioned by the bite of a mad dog. (*Odell Registers*).

(*These four extracts are from the History of the Willey Hundred, by W. Marsh Harvey.*)

1671, Dec. 17.—Henery Wood, chyrurgeon of Ridge in Hartfordshire was buried who died at the Cock being a man was buried Jan. 4, 1672.

1706, Dec. 23.—Elizabeth, a child found at the sign of the George, bapt. buried Feb. 3.

1728, March 23.—John Cotton Esq. (a gentleman yt died upon ye Road) was bur. (*Hockliffe Registers.*)

1538.—The iij daye of februarij in the yeare aforesayde was Buried the brotherhed p'ste of houghton Regis named Richard Whyt.

1539.—The V day of Aprill was buried Mary Why- chyrche Widdowe sit (? sith) time going from door to

doore Asking the charitie & Almes of people for Christes sake.

1541, May xviii. was a man buried come out of Bullayne.

1549, Nov : the 25 day was buried a mayde yt dyed by the way suddenly.

1559, The 25 day of July was buried one that wente by ye way (*i.e. a vagrant*).

1571, Dec. 20 was buried a Nurse child named Anny.

1573, The 23 day [] was buried a wenche named Elizabeth wh. was going to Wales & dep. at t'house at Wm. Dynes.

1574, The 13 day of Marche was buried a young man founde slayne at Puddell Brydge wth his legs bounde and sore wounded upon his hed and face and was named at his buriall John.

1667, Memorandum yt when Mr. Brandreth was appointed to sit in ye seat where the coat of armes hangs on ye wall It was not intended to exclude Mr. Hocklif nor his successors from sitting there with Mr. Brandreth.

1672, March 1.—John Melmoth interr'd sine fustis.

1771, July 5.—Mrs. Proctor who was unfortunately kil'ed in the Manchester Masheen (? coach) below Chalk Hill.

1788, March 2.—John Weeselbe (Lord Lonsdale's Huntsman at Puddle Hill). (*Houghton Regis Registers.*)

1736, Jan. 16.—Othello, a black servant to the Rt: Honble: Lady Howe and about the age of 12 years was baptized.

(*Battesden Registers.*)

1769, Dec. 4.—Bury'd Master Toby.

1773, May 8.—Baptized, Bedford a Negro Boy aged about thirteen years. (*Streatley Registers.*) F. A. B.

“HUSBAND OF.” In the History of the Willey Hundred, *s.v.* Odell page 372, I note that on the tombstones the men are described as husbands of their wives; *ex. gr.*, Edw. Coleman, husband of Frances, &c. Can anyone tell me if this custom is prevalent? I have only noted one instance, and that is at Totternhoe.

F. A. B.

OLD POSTAL ARRANGEMENTS.—In the appendix to the 5th Report of the Royal Commission on Historical Manuscripts is the following, which I give as showing what the postal arrangements were two centuries ago.

On the cover of a letter.—“The respective postmasters on the road to Wolverhampton are required to forward this letter with all possible diligence as they will answer the contrary, it being for his Majesty’s special service, Whitehall, 12th Jan. 16⁷⁸, 9 at night, hast, hast, post hast. “Monmouth.”—Received in Barbican past 10 at night, Dorothy Askew.—Then come notes of its having been received at 12 at night.—At St. Albans 10 in the morning.—At Dunstable at about 5.—At Brickhill at 8.—At Daventry past 1.—At Coleshill at 8.”

F. A. B.

COOPER MSS.—In page 526 of the History of the Willey Hundred, Mr. Harvey states that the above MSS. were purchased in 1817 by Sir Gregory Osborn Page-Turner, Bart. from Mr. Thomas Fisher for the sum of £200. Is the whereabouts of these MSS. now known? They may have been included in the sale at Battlesden in Dec. 1823, but as I have not a catalogue of that sale I cannot speak for certain. I should be glad if anyone

possessing a catalogue of that sale would kindly lend it to me, or I should be glad to purchase a copy.

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DUNSTABLE.—OBITUARY.

In going through the "*Annales Prioratus de Dunstaplia*" (Vol. iii. of the "*Annales Monastici*" published under the direction of the Master of the Rolls, 1866) I have noted a great many "*obits*," &c., some of which, marked with an asterisk, being of local interest may prove useful to the genealogist, historian, &c. I give the dates as recorded, and cannot answer for their being in all cases correct.

F. A. B.

- 1204. G[odefridus de Lucy], Bishop of Winchester.
Suffredus, Bishop of Chester.
Alienor, Mother of the King.
- 1205. Geoffry de Caucei, in September.
*Thomas, formerly Prior of Dunstaple.
Hubert, Archbishop of Canterbury.
Savaricus, Bishop of Bath.
- 1206. William, Bishop of Lincoln, in the month of May.
Henry, Bishop of Exeter.
- 1207. Simon, Bishop of Chester.
Robert, Archdeacon of Huntingdon.
- 1208. Walterus, Archbishop of *Rothomagensis*.
Philip, Bishop of Durham.
Geoffrey, Bishop of Coventry.
(Adam), Abbot of Chertsey; (Robert de Reading),
Abbot of Ramsey.
(Robert de Melun), Abbot of Malmesbury; and
(Eustace), Abbot of Eynesham.

1210. (Roger de Lacy), Constable of Chester.
 *Robert de Braybrook.
 William, son of Alan. (*filius Alan.*)
 Robert Brown, & Adam Malherbe died at Rokesac
 and buried there.
 Geoffrey of Norwich, seized at Dunstable by
 (William de Longespée) Earl of Salisbury,
 imprisoned at Bristol and died there.

1210. Malgerus, Bishop of Worcester.

1212. *John of Studham.
 Walter the cellarar was killed.
 (Helias), Abbot of Reading, in the month of July.

1213. Gilbert (de Glanvill), Bishop of Rochester. (*Some authorities give the date as the 24th June, 1214.*)
 John, Abbot of St. Albans.
 — prior de Herford.
 — Abbess of Elstow.
 (Sarah de Walebar), Abbess of Barking.
 John, Bishop of Norwich, *ob. in Pictavia.* His
 bones were conveyed to his cathedral.
 Hugh de Gournay, *mortuus est in Pictavia.*

1214. *Hugh de Boves of Houghton, *submersus est.*
 Eustace (Archdeacon of Richmond, Treasurer of
 York, and Dean of Salisbury), Bishop of Ely.
 Geoffrey de Mandeville (Earl of Essex), *ludendo
 percussit.*
 (Isabel) widow of Geoffrey de Mandeville m.
 Hubert de Burgh, and dying a few days after
 was buried at Canterbury.

1215. Oct. 19. John, King of England, died at Newark
 and was buried in Worcester Cathedral, between
 the bodies of St. Oswald and St. Wulstan.

- * — Count of Perche, at the battle of Lincoln.
- Eustace, the Monk, killed at Canterbury.
- 1216. *John de Wohille.
 - Alardus, Dean of St. Paul's, London.
 - Giles (de Braose), Bishop of Hereford (succ. by Hugh, the Dean).
- 1217. Sylvester, Bishop of Worcester, succ. by William, Archdeacon of Buckingham.
- 1218. *John of Houghton made Archdeacon of Bedford on the death of Alexander.
 - Otho (IV.), Emperor of Germany.
 - (Eudes III.), Duke of Burgundy.
 - At Damietta, Magister Thomas de Noyun, Magister Alexander de Curtun, et magister Radulfus de Bondebury.
 - Simon de Montfort, at the seige of Toulouse.
 - Robert de Gaugi, at St. Neots, "*infernali igne per-
cusus.*"
- 1219. Hugh (de Mapenore), Bishop of Hereford, succ. by Hugh Foliot.
 - *William Marshal, in the month of May.
 - Nemericus (Aimery de S. Mauro), Master of the Temple in England, buried at the New Temple.
 - At Damietta, the Earl of Winchester, & B(alduin) de Vehr.
- 1220. Adam, Dean of Salisbury.
 - (Saier de Quinci), Earl of Winchester.
 - Baldwin de Ver (*vide supra*).
 - (Thomas), Abbot of St. James, Northampton.
 - (Alexander), Abbot of St. Augustine's, Canterbury.
 - Guy, brother of Simon de Montfort, killed by the Albigenses.

Simon (de Montfort) killed at the seige of Toulouse
 (vide supra, sub. an. 1218).

*Peter de Nerbonne (*of Segenhoe*).

1221. Philip de Ulecote, Seneschal, died at Etampes.
 (William de Albini), Earl of Arundel died in Italy,
 his bones were brought over to, and buried at
 Wymundham.

Ulian de Cheinde.
 Magister Johannes, Archdeacon of Oxford.

1222. Earl Robert de Wer.
 *Rohesia de Wahul.
 Hubert de Burgh marries Margaret, da. of William
 the Lion.
 Guarinus, dean of Berkhamsted.
 Matilda de Say.
 William, Abbot of Westminster.
 Robert, Abbot of Burgh.
 Thomas, Prior of (Merton), & Walter, Prior of
 Merton.
 (Ranu)lphus, Bishop of Chester.
 *(Walter Loring), Abbat of Malmesbury.
 * . . . d Pirot.
 *William of Studham.
 *Hugh, (Rector) of Toddington.
 (Adam, Abbot of Melrose) murdered by the Earl
 Caithness.

1223. Constantine Fitz-Athulf, hanged.
 (Simon of Apulia), Bishop of Exeter. (Recorded
 twice—pp. 79, 85.)
 (William of Cornhill), Bishop of Coventry.
 (Hugh), Bishop of Carlisle.
 (Matthew), Abbot of Bardene.

- * William of Stodham (*vide supra, sub. an. 1222*).
- Brother Richard Brown.
- Philip (Augustus), King of France, at St. Denis.
- William, Bishop of Coventry.
- Ralf Hareng, Judge.
- Ralf, Abbot of Westminster.
- Roger de Ashburne.
- 1224. Fawkes de Breauté dies at St. Ciriac.
(William de Albini), Earl of Arundel.
- 1225. * William Marshal, jun., marries (Eleanor), sister of Henry III.
 - John (de Fontibus, Abbot of Fountains, co. York),
Bishop of Ely, succ. by the Archdeacon of Norwich.
 - * E . . . , Prior of Newenham, succ. by Hervey,
Prior of Oseney.
(William), Prior of St. Neots.
 - _____, Prior of Huntingdon.
_____, Prior of Suerc.
 - Hugh Bigod, Earl (of Norfolk), whose wife (Maud, da. of William Marshal, E. of Pembroke), immediately m. (William) Earl Warren.
 - John de Boville.
 - Robert Ferrars (? 4th E. of Derby).
_____, Prior of Risselep.
 - Theobald de Walloines.
 - Sr. Roger de Cantilupe, Kt., convicted of treason,
and hanged.
 - Englebert, Archbishop of Cologne, murdered.
- 1226. (William de Longespée) Earl of Salisbury.
Richard, Bishop of Durham.
(Simon), Abbot of Reading.

Pandulf, Bishop of Norwich, succ. by Magister
Thos. de Flamville.

(Hugh), Abbot of St. Augustine's, Canterbury.

(Alexander de Holdernesse), Abbot of Burgh.

(Louis VIII.) King of France, dies at Auvergne.

(William de Joinville), Archbishop of Rheims.

(Guy II.), Earl of St. Paul's.

Benedict, Bishop of Rochester (Bur. Dec. 21), succ.
by Henry (de Sandford), Archdeacon of Can-
terbury.

*Magister John of Luton, John of Linley, and Wil-
liam de Mandeville.

1227. March 25. Honorius III., Pope.

Raymond de Burgh, nephew (*nepos*) of Hubert de
Burgh, Earl of Kent marries (Christiana widow
of Wm. de Mandeville, Earl of Essex); and his
da. Margaret de Burgh marries (Richard de
Clare), eldest son of the Earl of Gloucester.

*John de Tattenhulle, (? *Totternhoe*).

1228. Stephen (Langton) Archbishop of Canterbury.

——— Abbot of Bittlesden.

*Nicholas, Dean of Luton.

*Simon Passelaw.

*Richard Pirot.

*John de Hyde.

Simon — anachorita.

1229. Eustace, Bishop of London, succ. by Roger Niger.

G(eoffrey) Bishop of Ely, succ. by Hugh (de Burgh
de Northwold), Abbot of St. Edmond's(bury).

*Alexander, Prior of Cauldwell, succ. by William.

Osbert, Abbot of Leicester.

——— Abbot of Welbeck.

(Henry of London), Archbishop of Dublin, succ.
by Henry, the King's Treasurer.

1230. (Gervase), Bishop of St. David's.
William de Braose, taken and hanged by Llewellyn.
_____, Prior of Chaucombe, succ. by _____,
Prior of Oseney.
William de Whitchurch, and Richard de Stanford.
(Gilbert de Clare) Earl of Gloucester.
Raymund de Burgh.
Maurice de Gaunt.
Nigel de Mowbray.

1231. Richard (Grant) Archbishop of Canterbury, at
Rome.
* William Marshall.
* Hugh de Steppingley.
William de Saumur. (? Someries)
Reginald, Archdeacon of Middlesex.
William de Muscamp, Archdeacon of Derby.
Hugh, Abbot of Ramsey.
Walter de Bidun.
William de London, King's Justice.
Ralph, priest of Norwich.

1232. John, s. of Richard, Earl of Cornwall, an infant.
Ralph, Earl of Chester.
Alan Basset.
Henry De Oily.

1233. Robert, Rector of Marston, (co. Linc.)
Richard, Abbot of St. Edmund's(bury), succ. by
Henry, Prior of the same place.
H(enry), Abbot of Derley, succ. by Ralph, sub-
Prior.
Ferrand, Count of Flanders.

(Richard de Villa), Abbot of Thornton.
 (William), Prior of Cuckford.

1234. Richard Marshal, in Ireland.

Hugh, Bishop of Hereford, succ. by Magister Ralf,
 Dean of his church. (Recorded twice in same
 year.)

Philip, Count of Boulogne.

Robert (III., Count of Dreux).

Henry, Abbot of Derley (*vide supra*).
 (Robert de Henreth), Abbot of Abingdon.

—, Abbot of Roucester, (co. Staff.)

—, Prior of Cuckford. (*vide supra*)

Brian de Lisle.

Hugh de Newtown.

*Thomas de Totternhoe.

1235. Hugh, Bishop of Lincoln, succ. by Robert Gros-
 seteste.

H(enry Sandford), Bishop of Rochester.

William (de Trumpington), Abbot of St. Albans,
 succ. by (John), Prior of Hertford.

(Alan), Lord of Galloway.

Brother Walter.

Gilbert Marshall marries Margaret of Scotland.

1236. William, Bishop of Worcester.

Thomas, Bishop of Norwich.

*Hugh de Ba.

(Matilda, da. of Geoffrey Fitz-Piers Earl of Essex,
 and widow of Henry de Bohun), Countess of
 Hertford.

(Thomas de Merleberge), Abbat of Evesham.

(Henry de Longchamp), Abbot of Croyland.

—, Abbot of Walden (Harl MS. Titus D. xx.

gives—Robert dying in 1231, and Richard his successor in 1241).

Thomas de Muletone.

1237. Richard, Bishop of Durham.

John (le Scot), Earl of Chester.

1238. Joanna, Queen of Scotland.

*Theobald de Leittona (? Leighton)

John de Witchurche.

Alexander, Bishop of Coventry succ. by Hugh de Pateshull.

Henry, Prior of Merton.

Hugh, Archdeacon of Colchester.

William "filius Warini."

Robert, Archdeacon of Lincoln.

1239. William, elect of Valentia.

*(Isabella, da. of Wm. Marshal, wife first of Gilbert de Clare, and then of Richard of Cornwall), Countess of Gloucester.

Jordan de Botlesford.

John de Bassingham, succ. 'in baronia de Wahulle' by Saer de Wahull.

1240. Llewellyn, (Prince of Wales).

*Eustace, Vicar of Chalgrave—"discessit."

Edmund, Archbishop of Canterbury, "in Burgonia, sepultus apud Punteniacum."

G(ilbert) Marshal.

1241. (Hugh de Pateshull), Bishop of Coventry, at Potterspury.

1242. *Richard de Morins, formerly Prior of Dunstable.

April 9th, succ. by Geoffrey de Barton.

William de Marisco drawn and quartered.

Jordan, Vicar of Newbottle, Nov. 21.

* William of St. Mary's Chureh (Dunstable), March 11th.

Robert de Tenbrugge.

* Richard, Earl (of Cornwall) ma. (Sanchia of Provence), the sister of the Queen, within the Octave of St. Martin, at Canterbury.

1243. (Raymond Berenger), husband of the Countess of Provence.

* John de Norton, farmer, of Caddington, April 10th.

1244. * Robert de Haya, July 24th.

_____, the son of Simon of Eddlesborough, killed by robbers.

* William, Prior of Caldwell, after Christmas, succ. by Prior Eudo.

1246. (Robert de Bingham), Bishop of Salisbury, succ. by William of York, elected Dec. 8th.

* Roger de Eltesdone, vicar of Studham, succ. by Walter de Kemesey, chaplain.

Richard (de Barking) Abbot of Westminster, Nov. 18th.

* John, son of Jordan (? de Bottlesford) married at Studham, Sept. 29th.

* Simon de Eltesdone married the widow of Giffard de Tyringham.

Alexander de Swereford, Ralf Brito, Magister Robert de Lisle, Canons of St. Paul's, London, all died between Michaelmas and Christmas.

1247. William de Valentia married (Joanna), da. of Warine de Montchensy.

* Walter, Prior of Newnham, May 26th, succ. by Walter de Chalvertone, canon of the same place, installed June 18th.

- * Michael de Querdone, William Brito, miles, Baldwin Poleyne de Caddington, et John de Clifford, killed in a brawl at Newenham.
- Simon Scutteraisun of Bukleshore, within the Octave of the Purification.
- William de Trippelawe, s.p. February.
- * Dominus Adam de Luton, Abbot of Woburn March 12th, succ. by dominus Nicholas, Abbot of Medmenham.
- 1248. * Robert Vicar of Patshull "*in initio autumni*," succ. by Richard, Rector of Steppingley, who died at Newenham before his institution, Nov. 29th. Peter Vitelli, an Italian, was then presented to Steppingley.
- * David Rufus, of Flitwick, Kt., in the autumn, bur. at Wardon.
- Simon of Eddlesborough, Oct. 28th, bur. at Dunstable Priory before the cross.
- 1249. (Alexander II), King of Scotland, "*ante autumnum*."
- 1250. Frederick (II), late Emperor, Dec. 13. William de Cantelupe, the second.
- William de Raleigh, Bishop of Winchester.
- John de Cobham, "*ante Pascha*."
- Geoffrey Dispenser, "*statim post Pascha*."
- * Paul Peyvre, "*in ebdomada Pentecostes*."
- 1251. Walter de Denton, on Dec. 25th.
- 1252. Robert Passelawe, June 24th. Robert de Martivals, Prior of Laund.
- 1253. Robert Grosseteste, Bishop of Lincoln, at Buckden, Oct. 14th. Sylvester, Bishop of Carlisle, Feb. 2nd., by a fall from his horse.

Richard de Tyngeres, parson of Masworth.

1254. H(ugo), Bishop of Ely, Aug. 15th. (*He died Aug. 6*). succ. by W(illiam) de Kirkeney [Archdeacon of Coventry, and Chancellor], who died in 1256.

*Walter de Chalverton, Prior of Newenham, succ. by Stephen one of the canons.

William de Cantilupe, the third, Sept. 25th. buried at Studley Sept. 30th.

Gilbert de Segrave, in the prison of Reginald Puns, in foreign parts.

Peter Chacepore, on Christmas Eve, in foreign parts. He was keeper of the King's wardrobe.

1255. Walter de Gray, Archbishop of York, in the month of April.

Eva, Wife of William de Cantilupe, the third, July 20th.

Warine de Mountchensey, July 20.

Magister Thomas Valensis, Bishop of St. David's, succ. by (Richard de Carre).

William of York, Bishop of Salisbury, "cirea principium Quadragesimae," succ. by Giles de Brigeopor.

*1256. Geoffrey de Beauchamp, Rector of Brickhill, "post Pascha" succ. by N. son of William de Grey.

*Domina Johanna de Peyvre, at Leyham, bur. at Woburn. At whose funeral her husband, John de Grey, exhibited but little honor and reverence.

1258. Philip Lovel, King's Treasurer. Dec. 25th.

Richard de Lincoln, "clericus," at Dunstable, in the Octave of the Epiphany.

(William de Clare), brother of Richard, Earl of

Gloucester ; Richard (de Crokesleye), Abbot of Westminster, and many others poisoned at Winchester.

Henry de Lexington, Bishop of Lincoln, succ. by Richard de Gravesend.

1259. Fulk Basset, Bishop of London, succ. by Henry de Wegham, Chancellor of the King.

Frater Radulfus, “*conversus noster apud Stodham, occisus est pro jure ecclesiae nostræ.*”

*1260. William de Beauchamp, senior.

John, Vicar of Ashbourne.

Laurence, Abbot of Burton, July 20th, succ. by John de Stafford, one of the monks.

Aymer de Lusignan, Bishop of Winchester, at Paris Sept. 29th.

*John de Crachele, Archdeacon of Bedford, the King's Treasurer, Sept. 8th, succ. by Peter de Aldeham.

1262. Henry de Wengham, Bishop of London, in the month of July.

*Richard, Earl of Gloucester, poisoned at the table of Peter de Savoy.

Baldwin, Count de Lisle (*i.e.* Baldwin de Redvers, Earl of Devon).

Ingleram de Perci.

*W(illiam) de Beauchamp, poisoned (*vide supra*).

Ralph de Studham (*vide supra*), and Richard de Dodingstone, canons.

(John de Caux) Abbat of Burgh, Treasurer of the King, at Lande.

1263. W. de Waterford, canon, Sept. 29th.

1265. Simon (de Montfort) Earl of Leicester, and H(ugh)

Dispenser, slain at the battle of Evesham.

1267. Eyles de Dunstaple, Ambrosius, Michahel, and other
thieves perished miserably.

1270. Peter de Nevill, knight, hanged at Bridgenorth.
Henry de Albemarle, knight, hanged in France.
John de Lymonges, knight, hanged for theft.
*Gregory de Caldwell, knight, died at Newgate.
*John de Suthun, *clericus*, killed at Oxford.
*Hugh de Caldwell, hanged.
Richard de Offenthone, hanged at London.
(*these last six are described as Ely robbers*).

1271. Richard, King of Germany, brother of the King of
England and Earl of Cornwall died in the month
of February, and was buried in Hayles Abbey.

1272. Edmund (Earl of Cornwall), son of the King of
Germany marries (Margaret), sister of Gilbert,
Earl of Gloucester.
Robert, Parson of Rushden, succ. by Robert of
Scarborough.
*Walter de Cadendon, Prior of Caldwell, sometime
Canon of Dunstable, succ. by Matthew.
Henry III., King of England, Nov. 16.
*John, Vicar of Harlington for twelve years, succ.
by Wm. de la Mare.
*William le Rus, Prior of Newenham, Michael, one
of the canons there succeeded him.

1273. *John de Bothleforde, son of Jordan, at Eastertide.
*George de Cantilupe, Nov. 1, being just of age.
One half of his lands descended to Eudo la
Zouche, whose eldest sister (Milesent), was his
wife; the other half went to (Johanna), sister
of the said George, and widow of Henry de
Hastings.

Henry de Sandwich, Bishop of London, succ. by
Magister John de Cheshulle, Dean of St. Paul's.

*Eleanor (de Montfort), (widow of William Marshall,
E. of Pembroke), Countess of Leicester, ob. in
France. Her manor of Luton descended to the
heirs of William Marshall.

Simon de Pateshull, at Eastertide.

1274. The wife of Benedict Juvenis, committed suicide,
or as the Chronicle quaintly says—"Sponte
præcipitacit se in puteo, et obiit. Et quia nolumus
eam admittere ad sepulturam. Hospitarii nos
implacitaverunt. Composuimus cum eis, quia
timuimus eorum privilegia."

*Simon (de Eton), sixth Prior of Dunstable, Nov.
22nd. He was Prior 11 years and 9 months,
succ. by William le Breton, Nov. 25th. Re-
moved by Oliver, Bishop of Lincoln in 1280.

Beatrice, and Margaret Queen of Scotland, sisters
of the King of England, the former buried at
Reading.

1275. Richard de Stratford, canon, died at the hour of
High Mass, and buried immediately on account
of dropsy.

Pope Gregory X.

Michael Tony, who fought against the King at the
battle of Lewes, was hanged.

1277. *Bartholomew Youngman, of Dunstable.
Walter de Merton, Bishop of Rochester (Oct. 27th),
succ. by (John de Bradfield).

1278. *Simon del Ho (Simon de Luton), Abbat of St.
Edmond's.

1279. Walter Giffard, Archbishop of York, succ. by
Magister William, dean of York.

Brother Robert (Kilwarby) formerly Archbishop of Canterbury.

Richard, Bishop of Lincoln, *in Adventu Domini*, succ. by Magister Oliver (Sutton) then dean of Lincoln.

John de Cheshulle, Bishop of London, succ. by Magister Richard de Gravesend, then Archdeacon of Northampton.

Nicholas, Bishop of Winchester, succ. by John de Punteyse.

(Richard de Carew), Bishop of St. David's, succ. by Magister Thomas Beke, King's Treasurer.

John de Hertford, canon, died and buried at Rokesac.

*William de la Mare, parson of Harlington, in the month of October, succ. by John de Radnor, who resigned on his institution, and was succ. by Walter de Ludford.

1280. Pope Nicholas III., Aug. 25th, succ. by Martin IV.

1281. *Roger, Abbat at Woburn, succ. by Hugh de Soulbury.

1282. *Ralf de Harrold, canon, died at Bradburne, and buried there Sept. 28th.

Brother Philip de Marston, *in clauso nostro decen-
tissime est humatus.*

Thomas, Bishop of Hereford, succ. by Richard de Swinfield.

*Richard de Bradwell, Archdeacon of Bedford, in the month of October, succ. by magister John Hoke.

William de Valencia.

Luke de Tani.

Roger de Clifford, junior.

Llewellyn, Prince of Wales.

1283. *Michael, Prior of Newenham: John de Bedford one of the canons succ. in July. *Eodem anno quidam ex servientibus Johannis Duraunt junioris de Dunstable sponte se precipitavit in puto ipsius Johannis, et mortuus est. Et postquam visus est a coronatoribus, projectus est in forea extra villam; sed Hospitalarii eum inde extraxerunt, et in cæmiteris condiderunt.*

(John Bradfield), Bishop of Rochester, (Apr. 23rd), succ. by Thomas de Inglethorp, Dean of St. of St. Paul's (and Archdeacon of Middlesex, consecrated Sept. 26th).

(Robert of Holy Island), Bishop of Durham, succ. by Anthony Bech.

Nicholas Basse, of Kensworth, hanged for felony.

(Richard de Ware), Abbot of Westminster, King's Treasurer, succeeded by John de Kyrkeby.

1284. John de Derlington, Archbishop of Dublin.

(Robert Wickhampton), Bishop of Salisbury, succ. by Walter Scammell.

Prince Alphonso.

Lawrence Duket, goldsmith, of London, killed in the Church of St. Mary-le-Bow whither he had fled for sanctuary.

Charles (of Anjou), King of France.

Pope Martin IV., succ. by Honorius IV.

1285. Philip III., King of France, of dysentery, at the seige of Gerona.

Philip de Aynhoe, found killed in the fields of Faringho near the Hyde.

William de Wykewane, Archbishop of York, died

at Pontignac, on his way to Rome, and there buried, succ. by John le Romeyn.

Alexander (III.), King of Scotland.

*Aimery de St. Amand, “*capitalis dominus de feudo Pyroth in Pulloxxhulle.*”

1286. (Hugh de Balsham), Bishop of Ely, succ. by John de Kyrkeby, Treasurer of the King's Exchequer.

*Dominus Peter Loring (of Chalgrave), in the month of January. *Qui super omnes progenitores suos specialius nos amavit.*

1287. Pope Honorius IV., succ. by Nicholas *quintus* (*sic for quartus*).

William de Mountchensy.

Stephen (de Berksted), Bishop of Chichester.

Henry de Brandeston, Bishop of Salisbury.

1288. *William le Bretun, Prior of Dunstable, at Rokesac, buried at Dunstable.

(Reginald de Maidenheth), Abbat of Waltham.

Richard de Clapwell, ‘*Frater.*’

1289. *Alexandere le Bantere of Dunstable, murdered at Kensworth.

*(Avelina), wife of John Durant, senior.

John de Kirkeby, Bishop of Ely, succ. by William de Lutha.

Johanna, 2nd da. of King Edward married to Gilbert (de Clare), Earl of Gloucester, Apr. 30th.

Margaret, 3rd da. of King Edward married to John of Brabant.

1290. Percival Romanus, Archdeacon of Buckingham and Prebendary of Aylesbury.

Queen Eleanor dies Dec. 28th. Her body remained at Dunstable one night, in memory whereof a

cross was erected in the market place.

Roger, Abbat of St. Alban's, Nov. 1st.

*Brother Stephen, Curate of Flitwick, died, and buried at Rokesac, succ. by Geoffrey de Marston.

John de Pateshull.

Adam de Bradewen, "*natus prioris.*"

1291. Eleanor, Queen-dowager of England, buried at Ambresbury.

Alphonso III., King of Arragon.

(Margaret), daughter of the King of Norway, heiress of Scotland.

*Thomas, the head porter of the Priory.

*John Hok, Archdeacon of Bedford, succ. by Roger de Rothewell.

*Thomas Painter, of Houghton.

*William le Newebodde at Flitwick.

*Simon Pyrot of Pulloxhill.

*Roger, "*caretarius de eadem.*"

1292. Pope Nicholas V.

Robert Burnel, Bishop of Bath, and Chancellor.

John de Peccham, Archbishop of Canterbury.

Rhys ap Meredith hanged for sedition.

1293. Simon le Constable died in prison.

1294. (John I), Duke of Brabant, at a tournament at Bar.

Bonus de Clare (*recorded again under date 1295*).

William de Montfort, Dean of St. Paul's, London.

(John de Sandford), Archbishop of Dublin.

Laurence de Ludlowe, a celebrated merchant, drowned.

Robert, parson of Catesby, "*Dominica Palmarum,*" succ. by William de Catesby, his nephew.

1295. Thomas de Turbeville, hanged for treason.

Roger, Bishop of Lichfield, succ. by Walter de Langton.

Bonus de Clare (*vide supra*).

Gilbert de Clare, Earl of Gloucester, 'germanus' of Bonus de Clare.

William de Valentia.

*John de Wodulle.

Simon de Pateshull, junior, "nondum miles."

*Walter de la Haye, (Escheator of Ireland) commits suicide. His property in Pulloxhill descended to his heirs, by Matilda his wife, one of the heirs of Faldo.

1296. Edmund, (Earl of Lancaster).

Hugh de Vyenne seneschal of the said Earl.

*Thomas de Bray, Knight.

Richard, son of Richard Earl of Cornwall.

*David de Flitwick, the third, Knight, succ. by David his son by his wife Lucy.

*John de Morteyn, Knight, whose son and heir married the daughter of Richard de Rothwell.

1367. Dominus John Bracebridge, Knight, at Dunstable.

1369. Queen Philippa, wife of Edward III.

Lord Thomas Beauchamp, Earl of Warwick, at Calais.

1381. Symon (de Sudbury) Archbishop of Canterbury, and Robert Hales, Prior of St. John's London, murdered, June 14th.

John Ball, 'sacerdos,' an insurgent drawn, hanged, and quartered.

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LEIGHTON BUZZARD.—A discovery which has excited a deal of interest among local antiquaries has recently been made at Leighton Buzzard, in the house for many years owned and occupied by the late Misses Willis, in the High Street. The house is at the present time being converted into a shop, and Mr. Thomas Gibbs, the contractor, removed an old canvas screen from the west wall in the front part of the building, when there came to light a full-length and life-sized water-colour portrait, drawn upon the wall, of a public bellman of perhaps from 150 to 170 years ago. The picture is that of a comely-looking and well-proportioned man of thirty to thirty-five years of age, about six feet in height, and clad in the livery of public office, in the style peculiar to the time of the reign of Queen Anne. When the remnants of a thin coat of whitewash and the accumulated dirt of ages had been removed, the face and upper portion of the figure were found to be in an excellent state of preservation, and the general outlines and surroundings very distinct. The bellman, or town-crier, is represented with his right hand uplifted, holding aloft the symbol of his office, while in his left hand is clutched a long staff, set upon the ground. He wears a three-cornered hat and wig, long blue coat with scarlet facings, braid, and yellow buttons, knee breeches, and buckled shoes ; and just in the rear of him sits a large white dog. There appears on one side of the picture a Corinthian pillar, with cap, which evidently forms one portion of the original frame to the portrait. Unfortunately, before the discovery was made, a wall had been built up so as to prevent search being made for the other side of the frame, although certain marks are visible which seem to indicate the edge of it

outline. The house has been in the possession of the Willis family, as a private residence, over a hundred years. That it is a portrait of a bellman of the "good old times" there can be no doubt; and it may be conjectured that it represents one who secured for himself an honoured distinction among those who caroused at the "Cock," when the present shop premises formed one of about seven or eight hostceries standing in the High Street. An attempt is being made by Mr. Piggot, of High Street, to obtain a good photograph of the picture. "*The Antiquary, Vol. III., No. 15, p. 141.*"]

HARROLD.—Among the briefs in the parish registers of Stock, Essex, now in course of publication, is one relating to Harrold, as follows:—

"May the 14th, 1665."

Memorand. There was collected in the parish church of Stocke by Robert Bundoche churchwarden uppon a briefe which came from Harold in the county of Bedford one shilling & sixe pence."

AMPTHILL.—The following notes are taken from the appendices to the "*Reports of the Royal Commission on Historical Manuscripts*," from which I propose giving extracts relating to this county, from time to time. They are, of course, notes in brief, but to those interested the references indicated will give fuller details.

"1625. Petition of John Soal to the House of Lords, praying for the establishment of his right under the Crown 'to the Honour of Ampthill in the County of Bedds.' (not traceable in L. J., endorsed 29 Martij 1625 on which day no Parliament was sitting.)" (*2nd Report, p. 106.*)

1606 Aug. 15. Queen Anne was staying at Ampthill, as shown by a letter of her's dated from thence to the Duchess of Tuscany (*Penes Rev. Fcs. Hopkinson, L.L.D., Makern Wells, Co. Worcester. 3rd Report, p. 261.*

"1624-6. March 21. Petition of Mary Sole, wife of John Sole, warrener of His Majesty's Warren of Ampthill ; the warrener's house and petitioner's goods have been seized by the townsmen of Ampthill under a decree of Sir Francis Bacon ; and she and her husband have been imprisoned ; prays for redress" (*Calendar, House of Lords ; 4th Report, p. 7.*)

"1626, May 16. Petition of Thomas Symson of Ampt-hill, Berks, (*sic*) that he may be reinstated in the possession of a house and garden at Amptill which he held under his Majesty but of which John Morgan, in his absence, 'obtained a copy of the hold.' " *Cal. House of Lords ; Ibid. p. 11.*)

"1640-1, Jan. 16. Petition of Benjamin Rhodes of Amptill Beds., on behalf of the parishioners there ; complains of Hugh Reeve, Parson of Amptill, for his popish doctrines and practises, and prays for enquiry. Annexed Articles against Reeve, whereby (amongst divers other things) it doth plainly appear that he is at heart a popish recusant. See L. J., IV. 170." (*Cal. House of Lords ; Ibid. p. 41.*)

"1640-1, Jan. 27. Draft warrant to the Sergeant at arms, for the arrest of Hugh Reeve, parson of Ampthill" (*Cal. House of Lords ; Ibid. p. 45.*)

"1642, April 30. Petition of Edmund Wingate, in behalf of the inhabitants of Ampthill, Bedfordshire ; by an order of the 23rd of February 1640-1 (L. J., IV. 170) Hugh Reeve, late parson of Ampthill, for holding popish

doctrines, was deprived of his ecclesiastical livings, ordered to make recantation, and to leave the vicarage house, on doing this he was to receive 10*l.* per annum out of the parsonage, which a noble person of the parish freely offered to discharge ; Reeve still maintains two of the tenets that he had recanted, converses with papists more than ever, and refuses to give up the vicarage house ; petitioner prays that the annuity may be transferred to the present incumbent, as it is unreasonable that Reeve should take any benefit under the order which he has contemned. L. J., V. 34. Annexed—Affidavit of Edmund Wingate in support of preceding." (*Cal. House of Lords* ; 5*th Report*, p. 19.)

Amongst the MSS. of W. M. Molyneux, Esq., is an account book of Sir Anthony Browne's daily expenses on a journey from Ampthill, Co. Beds., to Doncaster, Co. Yorks., and back—1536, October 17, to December 15. 7*th Report*, p. 601.)

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THE RADCLIF MONUMENT IN ELSTOW CHURCH.

At the time that Elstow Church is undergoing extensive reparation it may be well to draw attention to the old Radclif monument on the east wall, and give as much of the inscription as can be made out, which is as follows:—

“ HERE LYTHE BODIES OF SR HVMPRE RADCLIF KNIGHT
AND DAME | ISABEL HIS WIFE wch SR HVMPHREY WAS
SECOND SONNE OF ROB | ERT E OF SUSSEX AND ELIZABETH
DAVGHTER OF HENRY DVKE | OF BVCKINGHAM AND SAYD
ISABELL DAVGHTER AND | SOLE HEYR OF EDM HARVEY ESQ
AND MARY WENTWORTH | HIS WIFE THEY HAD ISSVE 2 SONNS
THOMAS DECEASED= | EDWARD YET LIVINGE 4 DAVGHTERS

MARY ONE OF THE GEN | TELWOMEN OF THE PRIVY CHAMBYR
 TO Q ELIZA—FRANCES MARRIED | TO HENRY CHEK ESQ SOME
 TIME SECRETRY TO HER LAT MAJES=| COVNSEL ESTABLISHED
 IN YE [NORTH?] ELIZIBET MARRIED TO HEN OWEN ESQ |
 MARTHA MARIED TO . . . WICHLY SF HVMPHREY DIED |
 THE 13 DAY OF AVGVST 1566 . . . AGED | 57 AT YE
 TME OF [HIS DEATH?] AND DAM ISABEL HIS | WYFE [BVRIED]
 ONCE "

The rest of this interesting inscription is impossible to decipher. In Bedfordshire Notes, published by the Beds. Archaeological Society, at pp. 201 and 225, there are two copies given of it, neither of them, however, being nearly so complete as the above, and they also slightly differ in one or two particulars ; for instance, Martha the fourth daughter is called Mary, and her husband's name Wickley is given as Wicklay, Elizibet is spelled in the ordinary way, &c. The son Edward Radclif, on the death of his somewhat distant cousin Robert Radcliff, the 5th Earl of Sussex of that name, without issue, in 1629 succeeded as the 6th Earl, and on his death in 1641, without issue, the title became extinct, and his sister Frances or her issue were his heirs, and her son Robert Cheeke disputed for sometime with the Mildmay family as to their right to be Barons Fitz Walter, they claiming the Barony through Frances, dau. and eventual heir of Henry Radclif, the 2nd Earl of Sussex of this famiiy, whilst Robert Cheeke claimed that the barony was merged in the earldom of Sussex, the claim was decided in 1669 in favour of Sir Henry Mildmay.

16 March, 1881.

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[The two sons of Sir Humphey were ;—THOMAS, who ob. s. p., and EDWARD who m. Jane, da. of Sir Francis Hynd or Hide of Madingley,

Co. Cambs., Kt., and widow successively of William West of Marsworth, Co. Bucks, and of John Catesby. Of the four daughters, **MARY** does not appear to have married; **Francis** was wife of **Henry**, s. of Sir **John Cheeke**, **ELIZABETH**, was wife of **Henry Owen** of **Wootton**, Co. Beds. Esq., & **MARTHA**, was 2 wife of **William**, s. of **Edward Gostwike** of **Shefford**, Co. Beds. Dame **Isabel** died the 8th of May, 1594, (cf. *ante*, p. 90.) *Ed.*]

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By the kindness of a gentleman, Mr. J. G. Raynes, of London, I am enabled to present the readers of this column with a valuable list of references to articles in the *Gentleman's Magazine* relating to this county, alphabetically arranged under parishes. Many of the articles are by writers of repute, and extremely interesting. To anyone interested in the history of his parish this list cannot but prove of great utility, as by a glance he can now see where to find what he wants without having to wade through an interminable number of volumes. I have not, in all cases, been able to identify the initials attached to the articles; it would, however, add to their interest to discover them. Any additions or corrections will be thankfully received by the undersigned

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COPLE.—The following quaint announcement, taken from the *Gentleman’s Magazine*, is worth recording in this column:—

“April, 1731.—*The son of Mr. Graves of Baldock in Hertfordshire (a lad 14 years of age) to Mrs. Luke d. of Sir Samuel Luke, a maiden lady aged 70.*”

If this marriage really took place, such a blending of crabbed age and youth is, to say the least, remarkable.

FOLK-LORE.

On May-day eve it appears to be the custom at Tilsworth for some of the young men of the village to go round to the different houses and leave a branch of May for every maiden in each house sticking in the ground or leaning against the building. The following verses are also sung on the occasion :—

To-day, to-day is the first of May,
The spring time of the year,
And if you please on another day
We'll taste of your strong beer.

And if strong beer you have not got
We'll be content with small,
We'll pledge thee well against that day
And give God thanks for all.

A branch of may I have you brought
And at your door it stands,
It is but a sprout, but it's well budded out,
It is the work of our Lord's hands.

Arise, arise, you pretty fair maids
And view your may so gay,
Or else you'll say on another day
We brought you not your may.

I have a purse in my pocket
Tied with a silken string,
We'll thank you for some silver
To line it well within.

This custom being so different to any other that I have observed, I made enquiry and ascertained that it has been followed from time immemorial. I believe it is usual, as indicated in the last verse, to go round on May-day and collect for a feast; at any rate I was not applied to to line the purse, so only speak from hearsay. I have slightly altered the lines to make them more grammatical.

F. A. B.

AMPTHILL (iv., 124).—December 22nd, 1591. Lease upon surrender of Mary, Robert, and William Hewett, junior, of Parkmead Meadow parcel of the lordship of Ampthill for their three lives, rent £8.

December 21st, 1611. Grant to Alex. Erskine son and heir of Visct. Fenton of the chief stewardship and keepership of Ampthill House and Parks in reversion after the said Viscount and Lady Elizabeth his wife.

September 24th, 1614. Grant to Wm. Ramsyer of the office of Keeper of Ampthill honour for life.

1631. Petition of the Keepers of the Parks to the King praying for payment for charge of repairs of the Lodges, pales and fences.

28 February, 1637. Petition of Hugh Reve parson of Ampthill to Archbishop Laud Petitioner has received the certificates of the christenings burials and marriages within the County of Bedford above 28 years and was appointed so to do by the now Bishop of Lincoln and three preceding Bishops for the ease of the county, the said certificates to be delivered into the Bishop of Lincoln's office at Buckden according to Canon. Beseeches that he may receive the said certificates as formerly.

BIGGLESWADE. 1621-2, Feb. 24. Draft of "An Act for the repair of the great road and highway to London from the North part of England between Biggleswade and Baldock." The road is so worn by carts, wains, and drifts of cattle, &c., that it is almost impassable, though the adjacent inhabitants give their labour for its repair according to statute; tolls to be levied for repair of the road. Endorsed, *Lecta 1a*, 24^o Feb., 19^o Jac., on which day Parliament, according to the Journals, was not sitting. Bill not mentioned in Journals. (*Cal. House of Lords. 3rd Report*, p. 27.)

1642, Nov. 2. Affidavit of John Howard (and copy of same that Thomas Mitchell refused to pay the rent due from him to Lambert Osbolston for the impropriation of Biggleswade, in the County of Bedford. L. J., V. 429. Annexed:—

Copy of order referred to in preceding. 7 July 1641. L. J., IV. 304. *In extenso.* (*Ibid. 4th Report*, p. 56.)

1644-5, Feb. 13. Petition and answer of Jeremy Stephens, clerk, touching the prebend of Biggleswade. Petitioner was presented and admitted, and performed the cure, and preached and paid tenths, &c., in the absence of Mr. Osbaston, who was supposed to have deserted the kingdom. Petitioner prays that he may not be called upon to restore any part of the profits, the rather because the prebend was bestowed upon him for his chargeable service to the kingdom in printing and publishing the first volume of the English Laws, Constitutions, and Decrees for the first five hundred years before the Conquest, a work begun by the learned knight, Sir Henry Spelman, to whom petitioner was appointed assistant in his great old age. Further prays that if the House is not

satisfied with the answer he may have further time allowed him, and may be heard by Counsel in the matter. *See L. J.* VII. 185. Annexed :—

Petition and addition and answer of Jeremy Stephens, touching the prebend of Biggleswade. In addition to the great work on Ecclesiastical History and Laws previously mentioned, petitioner has undergone great charges and pains in the public library at Oxford, with Dr. James, the keeper thereof, and Dr. Prideaux, Dr. Twist, and other principal divines, who were employed at first by Sir Thomas Bodley and Archbishop Abbott to compare the popish editions of the Fathers with the old books and manuscripts in all the libraries and colleges ; which work continued many years, and twelve large volumes, or tomes being exactly collated, the popish corruptions, additions, detractions, and falsifications committed in them are discovered. All these volumes were transmitted into petitioner's hands, and he has already printed divers treatises out of them, and has much more in readiness to be printed, at his great charge and labour. The prebend was given to him as a reward and encouragement for proceeding in his work, the charges about which are much more than the profits of the prebend during Mr. Osbaston's absence. Part of the first fruits being paid into the Exchequer, the money can hardly be recovered, and an extent is sent forth for the rest. Prays that the matter may be referred to some judges, and further that Mr. Osbaston, who has a legal course by action of debt to recover his rents against the tenants, may be left to the ordinary course of the law. (*Ibid. 6th Report, p. 47.*)

BEDFORD.—“1640-1, Feb. 8.—Petition of John Wallinger, church-warden of St. Paul's, Bedford ; pre-

sented James Whitacres, deputy-registrar of the ecclesiastical court there, for a fame of adultery, and Giles Thorne, Parson of St. Mary's, Bedford, for not praying for the King; for which Whiteacres and Thorne presented frivolous articles against petitioner in the ecclesiastical Court; where by the contrivance of Sir John Lambe, Dr. Pocklington and Dr. Sibthorpe, petitioner has been imprisoned and put to great expense and loss: prays that the parties may be called upon to answer." (*House of Lords Cal.*)

"1641, July 12.—Draft order upon a petition of John Wallinger of Bedford, for Sir John Lambe and others to appear and answer." (*Ibid.*)

"1641, Aug. 7.—Petition of James Beverley, Esq., [to H. C.]; Sir Wm. Bryers and Petitioner are two of the commissioners in the county of Bedford for the execution of the late Acts for the relief of the north parts, and speedy raising of money for disbanding the army, and act together therein; Sir Wm. Bryers has shown partiality in several cases which petitioner enumerates, underrating some and surcharging others, and has refused petitioner access to the assessments to the poll money, and publicly affronted him; prays for consideration of these charges. C. J., II. 243." (*Ibid.*)

"1642, Aug. 27.—Charge against Gyles Thorne, minister of St. Mary's Church, Bedford, for speaking blasphemous words, with list of witnesses to prove the charge. L. J., V. 326.

Annexed—Extracts from Thorne's sermons." (*Ibid.*)

"1642, Aug. 30.—Petition of Justices of the Peace and inhabitants of the town of Bedford. Pray for the removal of Giles Thorne, parson of St. Mary's there, a turbulent and profane person, who used to persecute in the High

Commission Court those who desired to abstain from profanations, and now sets up divisions and factions in the town. L. J., V. 332.

Annexed :—Affidavit of James Elsbey that in a sermon at the church of St. Mary', Bedford, Mr. Giles Thorne, the parson, spoke in favour of confession, 10th Sept. 1642.

Aug. 30.—Order committing Gyles Thorne to the Fleet. L. J., V. 332." (*Ibid.*)

" 1642, Oct. 12.—Petition of Giles Thorne, clerk. Petitioner has been seven weeks committed on account of objection taken to some passages in his sermons ; the case has been partly heard, and he prays that a speedy day may be appointed for the further hearing, or that he may be bailed. L. J., V. 397. Annexed :—Another petition of Thorne to be bailed. 14 Feb. 1642-3." (*Ibid.*)

" 1642-3, Feb. 14.—Petition of inhabitants of the parish of St. Cuthbert's, Bedford. Mr. Thorne, parson of St. Mary's, Bedford, some years since engrossed into his hands the rectory of St. Cuthbert over the head of the incumbent, who was then living, since which time he has taken the profits of both the benefices, but wilfully neglects the cure of petitioners' souls, having only kept one drunken curate to officiate in both churches. Pray that Mr. Thorne may be compelled to afford a sufficient maintenance out of the profits to the rectory to Mr. Houlden, a godly and painful minister. L. J., V. 605.

Annexed :—Certificate signed by the churchwardens and other inhabitants of the parish, as to the truth of the allegations contained in preceding petition." (*Ibid.*)

" 1644-5, March 3.—Petition of Giles Thorne, clerk. His wife is sick even to death, and desires to see him. Prays that after above thirty months' imprisonment, first

in the Fleet, now in Ely House, he may have a month's leave on bail to go to Bedford to see his wife and advise for her recovery. Noted, Read, nothing done." (*Ibid.*)

"1646-7, Jan. 26.—Petition of Giles Thorne, clerk. Petitioner, who was committed by their Lordships four years and four months since, prays that he may be allowed six weeks' time, upon sufficient bail, to go down into the country to visit his distressed family, to advise for his wife's recovery, who is very weak, and earnestly desiring to see him, and to labour with his friends for some mean subsistence for himself and family. L. J., VIII. 690." (*Ibid.*)

"1646-7, Feb. 17.—Application for an order for Dr. Aylett to institute and induct Robert Marshall to the Rectory of St. Peter's, Bedford." (*Ibid.*)

"1647 [May]—Petition of Giles Thorne. After five years' imprisonment the House lately gave him six weeks' liberty on bail; he had hoped in that time to have procured some maintenance from his friends, but he finds they have much ado to support themselves, and he has therefore been obliged to return to custody. Prays to be discharged, or to have some relief allowed him out of his own means. Thorne was discharged 23rd Aug., 1647. L. J., IX. 399." (*Ibid.*)

"1647, Aug. 23.—Petition of Giles Thorne, clerk. Petitioner is now in the sixth year of his imprisonment, and nothing against him but what is contained in the annexed copy of his commitment. He prays the House to release him, or to allow him subsistence out of his own means to preserve him from perishing. L. J., X. 399. Thorne was discharged.

Annexed:—Copy of order of 30th August 1642 for Thorne to stand committed to the Fleet prison till the pleasure of the House be further known. Thorne was committed on the evidence of one witness for speaking blasphemous words. L. J., V. 332." (*Ibid.*) (*For further accounts see "Walker's Sufferings of the Clergy," ed. 1714, p. 374.*)

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BIGGLESWADE, 1750, May 10.—Certificates of Thomas Pygott and George Fysshe, Esqrs, charges for furniture of armour, weapons &c within the three hundreds of Byckelswade Wixhamtry and Clifton.

1634.—Brief for Defendant in a cause in the Court of Arches of Osbaston Versus Widow and Executrix of John Sutton Clerk, brother and executor of Dr. Sutton for dilapidations at Bickleswade. The brief sets forth defendant's accounts as Executrix of John Sutton. She had received £92 13s. 6d. and paid £102 8s. 4d.

1635.—Brief in a cause in the Court of Arches of Lambert Osboldston Clerk, prebend and parson of the appropriate parsonage of Brickleswade against Elizabeth relict and executrix of John Sutton the previous incumbent for dilapidations of the Chancel of the Church of Bygleswade and of a barn belonging to the parsonage.

1638.—General statement of charges of misconduct brought against Bishop Williams of Lincoln in reference to each of the 4 places he holds in the Church of England viz. as Rector of Walgrave Co. Northampton, Residentiary of the Church of Lincoln, Dean of Westminster, and

Bishop of Lincoln. He has never been at Walgrave since he was made a Bishop, whereat the whole county murmurs. As residentiary of Lincoln he is charged with omitting to remedy certain grievances affecting Bigglesworth Co. Bedford, which is a prebend belonging to the church of Lincoln worth £400 per annum; although presented by the inhabitants at least 20 times and viewed by the Bishop himself there is no reformation. Mr. Lambert Osbolston is the prebendary of this place. Sir William Fish the tenant.

December 24, 1660.—Petition of Thos. Margetts to the King to confirm by patent the change of the market at Biggleswade Co. Bedford from Monday to Wednesday as approved by requisition in 1654.

January, 1661.—Grant to Thomas Margotts of a weekly market at Biggleswade Co. Bedford.

KNOTTING, 1634-6.—Articles exhibited by Walter Walker official commissary for the Archdeaconry of Bedford against Anthony Bourne and Edmund Hewitt Churchwardens of Knotting. It is objected against them that they were bound to prevent all manner of profanations of the Church of Knotting; and further that they knew that upon Shrove Tuesday in the years 1634, 1635, and 1636 in the chancel of the said church in or about the sacred place where the communion table stands there were fighting cocks brought thither and cock fightings there held and many persons assembled to behold the same and to bet and lay wagers thereon, and particularly that Bourne and Hewitt and a son of Bourne and Mr. Alvey Minister of Knotting were present as actors and spectators and laughed and sported thereat and most profanely abused the said consecrated place.

BEDFORD.—December 10th, 1521.—Commission to Oliver St. John and four others to enquire concerning the foundation of St. John's Hospital Bedford, by Robert de Parrys as to who are his heirs and whether the hospital has not reverted to the Crown by the death of the Master and all the religious brethren.

December 1, 1569.—One Colmer a drover dwelling near Bedford declared that he heard reports of a rebellion in Cornwall and Devonshire and that the Earl of Bedford has been appointed for the appeasing thereof.

1628.—State of the Church and Hospital of St. John the Baptist in Bedford with petition of the Corporation of that Town that there may be no further proceedings against them in respect thereof except only by course of law.

February 10, 1635-6.—Receipt of Sir William Russell for £130 paid by Francis Banester, Doctor of Physic, Mayor of Bedford, in part of £3000 ship money charged upon county of Bedford by writ of 4th August last.

February 18, 1667.—Petition of John Bubb prisoner at Bedford goal to the King for pardon. He acknowledges the justice of the sentence of death pronounced against him at the Assize at Leighton.

30 June, 1667.—Warrant to High Sheriff to reprieve John Bubb.

February 24, 1662.—Presentation of Francis Wilford D.D. to the Archdeaconry of Bedford void by the promotion of Dr. Hacket to the Bishopric of Litchfield and Coventry.

July 30, 1667.—Warrant for Dr. Theo. Dillingham to be Archdeacon of Bedford void by the death of Dr. Francis Wilford.

BEDFORDSHIRE.—February 16, 1609.—The Council to

Sir Henry Fanshaw. Directions to fell 200 tons of timber in Bedfordshire for repair of the great bridge at St. Neots.

October 4, 1603.—Warrant to Sir Robert Dormer, Master of the Hawks, to preserve the King's game in Bedfordshire, and to punish offenders.

August 5, 1616.—The King to Lord St. John and other Knights and Gentlemen in Bedfordshire. Requests them to remedy the decay in game in those parts on penalty of his heavy displeasure and of his withholding his presence from those parts which he has usually visited every second year for sporting.

March 8, 1617.—Warrant for payment of £200 over and above £880 already delivered for repairing St. Neots Bridge.

January 16th, 1624.—Secretary Conway to High Sheriff of Bedfordshire to recover one of the King's hawks lost near Royston.

December 4th, 1628.—Dispensation for Sir Anthony Chester to be absent out of the County whereof he is appointed High Sheriff.

July 14, 1634.—Copy of note given by the Chancellor of the Bishop of Lincoln to Archbishop Laud of various things out of order in that diocese. The following is the final entry:—"That sort of people that run from their own parishes after affected preachers are the most troublesome part of the ecclesiastical inquisition, especially in Buckingham and Bedfordshires where they find great abettors of this their disorder. The new Recorder of Bedford questioned at a Sessions one of my apparitors for troubling, as he said, these godly men and there delivered publickly that if men were thus troubled for going to hear a sermon when their minister at home did not preach it would breed a scab in the Kingdom."

EATON.—May 26, 1586.—Orders and resolutions taken at Eaton touching the obstruction of the river Ouse near St. Neots by four mills newly erected by John Webstere in the Parish of Barkford, and by other ancient mills in the occupation of Rafe Place.

EYEWORTH.—1580.—Suit of Francis Fortescue son of Henry Fortescue for a license of alienation and sale of the Manor of Ayworthe, granted by King Henry VIII. to the said Henry Fortescue and the heirs male of his body.

June 13, 1664.—Warrant for a grant to Stephen Anderson of Eyeworth Co. Bedford of the dignity of a baronet.

June 28, 1664.—Grant to Stephen Anderson, Junr., of the dignity of Baronet with the usual discharge.

PUDDINGTON.—August 1588.—Articles drawn up by the Earl of Kent for examination of Thomas Hill, touching his opinions in Matters of religion and of his obedience to the church of Rome whereunto he refuseth to make answer.

SUTTON.—June 4, 1595.—Patent exempting John Burgoyne aged 60 and blind from being called upon to execute the office of Justices of the Peace.

December 1661.—Petition of Sir Roger Burgoyne Bart. to the King for leave to reside in Warwickshire where his family live, although chosen Sheriff for Bedfordshire, also a grant of the King for him so to do on condition of his not neglecting the public service.

WRESTLINGWORTH.—December 4, 1591.—Lease to Thomas Lake of the site of the Manor of Wrestlingworth for 21 years, rent £21 6s. 6½d.

TEMPSFORD.—November 14, 1607.—Presentation of Thomas Noke to the benefice of Tempsford void by resignation of George Eland.

February 22nd, 1623.—Secretary Conway to the clerk of the Signet. To draw a presentation for the King to the parsonage of Tempsford.

August, 1660.—Petition of Anthony Huish M.A., for the Rectory of Tempsford void by decease of Mr. King.

NORTHILL.—October 13, 1662.—The King (to the Grocers Company) recommends Robert Cordell for presentation to the Rectory of Northill which is in their gift, he being a man of extreme reputation for the pains he has taken in the city. Presentation of Mr. Cordell to the Rectory.

MEPERSHALL.—May 16, 1601.—Names and addresses of 16 fugitives taken by the Ship Lion in Tilbury Hope with note that the plot of conveying them away was made by Linton of Mepsall in Bedfordshire.

February 6, 1835.—Petition of Jeremy Meade of Mepersal Co. Bedford to Archbishop Laud. Timothy Archer D.D., lately complained to the Archbishop that petitioner had erected in the church of Mepersal a high seat or pew with banisters, to the prejudice of the parishioners. The seat in question is uniform with the seat wherein the wife of Dr. Archer sits and with the other wainscot seats and is no inconvenience to the parishioners.

SHILLINGTON.—May 7, 1561.—Grant of Pardon to Br. : Lr. : Henry Wilcocks of Shillington for having feloniously harboured and entertained William Snagg and Henry Finch, the murderers of William Colman.

November 25, 1603.—Lord Cecil to the Steward of the Manor of Shillington. Directs him to enrol all leases within the said Manor with Ralph Ewens, her Majesty's Auditor.

ODELL.—September 9, 1634.—Abstract or brief account

of the proceedings of Sir Nathaniel Brent, Vicar-general, during his Metropolitical Visitation of the diocese of Lincoln.

Bedford was visited on the 26 August, where Peter Buckley, Rector of Odell, was suspected of Puritanism and suspended for non-attendance at the Visitation. He came to Sir Nathaniel afterwards, and confessed that he never used the surplice nor the cross in baptisms. He was to appear before the High Commission on the first court day in November, if he reformed not before.

Amphill was visited on the 30th August.

HOCKLIFFE, November 8, 1605.—Examination of John Story servant to Percy. Proceedings of several conspirators—Percy and Wright passed in haste through Hockliffe on November 5 where Story was awaiting them with relay of horses.

LUTON, June 17, 1618.—Sir Robert Napier and Art. Crawley to the Council. The Town of Luton is much injured by pulling down fair dwelling houses with making houses and erecting in their place cottages for the poor for the profit of certain private persons. Also list of persons who have destroyed their houses.

November 17th, 1623.—Grant to Sir Robert Napier Bart. his son and his brother of the King's right to the tithes of Chiltern Green with the advowson of the Vicarage of Luton.

23rd February, 1662-3.—Certificate by F. Rowley registrar that the estates of Sir Robert Napier of Luton were sequestered 29 April 1644 for his going to the King's quarters and not returning after 10 days notice and that he was discharged by order of Parliament 14 September 1647.

BIGGLESWADE, February 15, 1663.—List of Traitors, 12 names of Military Men, Operatives, &c., headed by that of Lieut.-Col. Miller of Bigglesworth Bedfordshire.

28 January, 1664.—Examination of—Callum, Cordey asked him if he had taken the oath and told him there was a plot in hand for the good old cause ; he wished him to carry a letter to Miller of Biggleswade and offered to prefer him as a soldier ; declined because he had taken the oath.

December, 1665.—Petition of John Miller to Lord Arlington to order the Deputy-Lieutenant of Bedfordshire to send up their charge against him or else to liberate him. After having been a year prisoner in Windsor Castle was released on bail and restored to his house at Biggleswade ; and after quietly remaining there a month was seized by a party of horse, on warrant from the Deputy-Lieutenant and sent to Bedford gaol where he has remained ever since ; this is owing as he believes to the displeasure of some eminent person.

May 23, 1666.—Petition of John Bubb, prisoner in Bedford gaol, for Pardon—is condemned to death because grappling with a person who picked a quarrel with him, the man fell and hurt himself with his tobacco pipe and died a month after. Annexed—Examinations of Richard Gregory surgeon of Eversholt, Dorothy Sparkes of Woburn Co. Bedford Surgeon and four others to the effect that Bubb did not first provoke the quarrel with Edwards and that the wound inflicted on the latter was mortal. Taken before the Earl of Bedford and the other referees.

Whitehall, May 23, 1666.

TODDINGTON, June, 1618.—Brief in cause of widow of Thos. Cheney v. John Crofts in reference to the reversion of the Manor of Toddington.

September 8, 1629.—Grant to Robert Brett of lands in Herne and Toddington accrued to his Majesty by the attainer of Wm. Brett his brother for felony.

November 30, 1632.—Bond of Robert Hill of Toddington and another for £300 for appearance of Benjamin Eldred before the Council upon 3 days notice.

TURVEY, April 30, 1608.—Grant to Thomas Parker late of Turvey of pardon for sheep stealing.

March, 1628.—Account of Bishop Smith of Chalcedon and of his ordinary places at Turvey with notices of the priests principally employed by him.

AMPTHILL, August, 1660.—Statement of the request of the Earl of Elgin and Lord Bruce to be restored to the office granted to Lord Elgin, of the Stewardship of Ampthill Honour, Bedford, with the herbage and pannage of three parks therein of which he was deprived during the usurpation ; or to become the King's tenants in case the land cannot be imparked again.

AMPTHILL, July, 1661.—Grant to John Ashburnham of the deer of Ampthill Great Park, and Brogborough and Beckring's Parks, Co. Bedford ; the King disparking the said parks and discharging the keepers and their servants.

BARTON, August 13, 1662.—Warrant for a presentation of Thomas Crawley, D.D., to the Rectory of Barton.

BARTON-IN-THE-CLAY, July 20, 1660.—Petition of Wm. Sclater Schoolmaster of Barnet to the King for the Rectory of Barton-in-the-Clay, was twice in imminent danger of life in the cause of the late King.

August 7, 1660.—Petition of John Norton, a conformable minister and loyal subject to the King, for reference to the Lord Chancellor and others of the case between him and Slaughter who on pretext of a vacancy has got a

warrant for the Rector of Barton, Co. Bedford, his father purchased the manor conceiving the advowson to be appendant, and presented him thereto eight years ago on death of Dr. Moore. With reference thereon to the Lord Chancellor and others—Annexing i.—ii. Certificates by Lord Bruce and three others and by Dr. Rich. Ball and five others in favour of the petitioner.

BEDFORDSHIRE, 1531, 26 December, R.O.—(*The date of this letter is quite uncertain.*) John Ruddle to Lord Mountjoy—Has inquired in the county who it was that brought Venison through Royston on Wednesday last. Learns that Thos. Gates, servant with Sir Hen. Parker and his hunt carried some and that Sir Henry was five days in Northamptonshire and Bedfordshire with 12 horse or more before he returned home.

Chestnut, St. Stephens Day,

Hol. p. 1. Add: Endd:

BUSHMEAD, July, 1660.—Petition of William, son of William Gery, late of Bushmead. For the place of Commissioner of Excise. His father lost his whole Estate by adhering to the late King; was himself plundered to his shirt and imprisoned for following Sir George Booth and was recommended to His Majesty by General Montague at Breda.

CLIFTON, April 17, 1662.—Dispensation to Nicholas East, M.A., Vicar of Pinchbeck, diocese of Lincoln to hold also the Rectory of Clifton Co. Bedford, being about 30 miles distant.

CLOPHILL, March 26, 1628.—Confirmation of assignment made by Sir John Walter, Sir James Fullerton, and Sir Thomas Trevor to James Beverley the younger, Francis Duett and Matthew Denton of the Manor of Clophill and

Caynhoe, Co. Bedford, parcel of the Honor of Ampthill.

LEIGHTON BUZZARD, August 1660.—Thomas Lord Leigh, Baron Stoneleigh. For a letter to the Dean and Canons of Windsor for renewal of his lease of the lordship of Leighton Buzzard which he sold to Col. Okey, who had bought the reversion, but is incapable of it as being one of the murderers of the late King.—Annexing—i. Statement of the case of Lord Leigh relative to the above lands, that he sold his lease very disadvantageously to Okey the traitor, Rich. Mead and two others, rather than buy the reversion; and that Mead and the others try to obtain a new lease by surrender of the old one, without acquainting the church with the right of the Duke of York to a fourth part thereof as being the estate of Okey.—ii. The King to the Dean and Chapter of Windsor. Certain lands in Leighton Buzzard belonging to them the remainder of the lease whereof was sold by Thomas Lord Leigh to John Okey one of the Judges of the late King, have by his attainder devolved on the Crown and were granted to the Duke of York, and by him transferred to Lord Leigh. Recommends his Lordship as a former tenant and also a person of eminent loyalty for a renewal of the lease which Rich: Mead, one of the purchasers of the present lease, attempts to obtain.

MARSTON, June 9, 1594.—Presentation of Richard Sawyer, M.A., to Maston Parsonage.

HOUGHTON CONQUEST, June, 1662.—Petition to Samuel Lee, M.A., to the King for a dispensation to hold the Rectory of Houghton Conquest with the vicarage of Chaddesley-Corbett Co. Worcester not above 40 miles apart with leave to change either for any other within 24

miles—Suffered during the late wars as a strict maintainer of church discipline.

August 8, 1662.—Grant of dispensation to Samuel Lee to hold both of the above with a clause of permutation of either for any other living within 24 miles distance.

WOBURN, 1587, January 11.—The Countess of Bedford's declaration of the assurances for her jointure; with the answer of the Countess to certain surmises touching the sale of the goods belonging to the late Earl of Bedford at Chenies and Woburn.

1587, March 19.—Bridget Countess of Bedford to Lord Burghley. Particulars of the assurances of her jointure made before her marriage with the late Earl. She had dealt most honorably towards the creditors of the late Earl, and had not annulled any of the leases or acts made by him. Complains of delay of performance of the covenants of her settlement.

March 1633.—Secretary Windebank to Justice of Assize of Bedford as to repairing highway between Hockley and Woburn.

BATTLESDEN, April 6, 1633.—Sir Edward Duncombe to Sec. T. Windebank acquaints the secretary that he has ever been careful to keep that road in sufficient repair and intends to lay yearly on the same 400 loads of gravel and stone. He is also at an extraordinary charge in the repair of two other great roads in the way for Ireland, in the parish of Battlesden.

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BEDFORDSHIRE.—The names of the nobility, gentry, and others who contributed to the defence of this country at the time of the Spanish invasion in 1588 :—

Walter Luke, Gen. 21 die Marcii	£25
John Burgoyne, Armiger. 25 Marcii.	40
Richard Charnock, Armiger. 26 Marcii	40
William Duncombe, Armiger. Eodem	40
Philip Johns, Gen. Eodem	40
John Clerk, 31 die Marcii	25
Richard Harding, Armiger. Eodem	25
Henrie Fairie, primo die Aprilis	25
Thomas Cheyney, Gen. 7 Aprilis	40
William Adams, Gen. Eodem.	25
Thomas Hawes, Senior, Tanner, Eodem	25
William Audeley, 9 die Aprilis.	25
Thomas Parratt, Gen. 10 Aprilis	25
Thomas Ympie, 11 Aprilis.	25
Christofer Estwick, 12 Aprilis	25
Henry Lodge, 14 Aprilis	25
Robert Grigg, Yeoman. 14 Aprilis	25
Richard Crawley, Yeoman. 15 Aprilis	25
Nicholas Denton, Eodem.	25
William Stone, Armiger. 16 die Aprilis.	50
Thomas Spicer, alias Alder. 18 die Aprilis.	25
George Keaynsham, Armiger. Eodem	50
Frauncis Farrer, Gen. Eodem	25
Humphrey Fitzwilliam, Armiger. 24 Aprilis.	25
John Catesbie, Armiger. quinto die Maii	25
Henrie Edwards, Gen. 19 Maii	25
John Crawley. 22 die Maii.	25
William Clerke, Gen. 26 die Maii	25
John Davie, Gen. 29 die Maii	25
Oliver Skroggs, Gen. 9 die Junii	25
Mathew Hanscombe, 24 die Julii	25
George Butler, the 31 of July	25

George Smythe the same daye	25
Roberte Bellamy th'elder, the 3 of August	25

(*The above list is taken from the Grenville Collection, No. 1149, in the B. M. Printed in 1798 from a MS. dated 1588.*)

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NOTES ON BEDFORDSHIRE MARSHALLS.

I forward the following notes derived from wills proved in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury in the hope that some local genealogist may be able to assist me in further identifying the persons mentioned, and perhaps render it possible to trace their relationship to others of the same name in other counties. The oldest will of a Bedfordshire Marshall I have met with is that of William Marchall "dwelling w^tin the place of the blacke freres of Dunstaple in the Countie of Bedfford, gentilman," dated 8 July 1531. He bequeaths to the mother church of Lincoln 4d., to the parish church of Todington 20s. Mentions, his late wife Alice, his father John, and mother Joan. His daughters Dorathe and Margaret. Mary, Jane, and Alice daughters of his son Richard Marchall. Devises farms at Chalton, etc., to son William Marchall. Mentions, daughter Elizabeth Brockas, her late husband John Brockas, Esq. and their children Mary Brockas and Robert Brockas. Gives residue to wife Mary, and appoints her, and son William Marchall executors. My good lady of Wilshire to be overseer. Proved by relict 6th February, 1531. (13 Thower, Vol. i.). A pedigree of Brockas will be found in Berry's *Hampshire Genealogies*, p. 91. "My good lady of Wilshire" was Elizabeth daughter of Thomas Howard,

Duke of Norfolk, and wife of Sir Thomas Boleyn, K.G., Earl of Wiltshire.

William Marshall devisee of the farms at Chalton may be identical with "William Marshall of Hitchen, co. Hertford, yeoman," at which place a numerous family of the name appear to have resided. His will is dated 15 May, 1573, and was proved by Annys his wife and sole executrix, 3 June, following. (Peter 20.) He mentions his daughter Johan, under age. Devises tenement in Chalton in parish of Ipolits, to Edward Laurence the son of William Laurence late of Gosemor my brother deceased. Also mentions, the children of John Draper late of Chalton which he had by my sister; the four children of William Laurence late of Gosemer deceased, viz. William Laurence, Annys Laurence, Margaret Laurence, and John Laurence; Johan Braye and Kirchin Braye the daughters of Thomas Braye which he had by Johan his wife my sister.

William Marshall, the elder, of Hippolets, co. Hertford, yeoman, apparently a member of this family, made his will 23 December, 1624. He names, son and heir William Marshall, executor; 2nd son Robert Marshall; 3rd son Christopher Marshall; 4th son John Marshall; 5th son James Marshall; daughter Grace Marshall; Alice my wife. To Mr. Marshall minister of the parish of Hippolets 10s. Codicil dated 26 December, 1624. Proved by within named executor, 24 February, 1624. (Clark 20.)

James Marshall fifth son of this testator was a citizen and Merchant Taylor of London. In his will dated 19 August, 1625, and proved by Jane Marshall his relict and executrix 10 November, 1626, (Hele 126) he mentions his late father William Marshall of Ippolets in Co. Hertford, yeoman; brother William Marshall of Ippolets aforesaid;

son William Marshall; two daughters Rebecca and Sara Marshall; brothers John Marshall and Christopher Marshall.

Robert Marshall, perhaps the brother of this testator, had a daughter Elizabeth, wife first of Ralph Radcliffe of Hitchin, and secondly of Thomas Norton. His arms were, *Gules, on a fess Argent between three Maces Or as many lions' heads erased Azure.* See *Cussan's Herts.*, Parts vii. and viii., p. 66; *Le Neve's Knights*, p. 214; *Berry's Kent Genealogies*, p. 130; *Herald and Genealogist*, iii. 277; and *Genealogist*, v. 125.

Edward Marshall of Hitchin, another of this family, made his will 19 May, 35 Elizabeth. He mentions his sons Thomas Marshall and John Marshall, both under age; wife Alice; daughter Alice, wife of William Abbot my son in law; their children William, Thomas, Abraham, Marye Abbott, and Joane Abbott, who are legatees of 40s. each; daughter Elizabeth Marshall; daughter Joane; and appoints son Edward Marshall sole executor. He proved 29 May, 1593. (Nevell 41.)

My next note of a Bedfordshire Marshall is the will of "William Marshall parson of Marston, co. Bedford," dated 16 February, 1558. To be buried in the chancel of the Assumption of our blessed Lady Marston nigh unto my mothers grave. To my niece Beatrix Frevell a cup of silver double gilt. Haselden Bury my nephew, and James Hutton his father in law. Devises his house at Royston, co. Cambridge to his sister Jane Haselden. Nieces Elizabeth and Beatryce. (Haselden?) Cosen Edward Chambers. Samuel Peto and Elizabeth his wife. William Peto. Maude Marshall, widow. Francis Marshall, and Dorothy his sister. Robert Frevell, gentleman,

is one of the witnesses. Proved 9 March, 1559 (Mellershe 20). There were other Marshalls connected with Royston; an account of one family who had property there, and who were of St. Dunstan's in the West, London, will be found in *Jewitts' Reliquary*, for April, 1881. William Marshall of Royston, the first of whom I have found any notice connected as with that place, made his will 8 February, 1506. He desires to be buried in the church of SS. John Baptist and Thomas Martyr of Royston before the altar of the Blessed Mary of Piety. Devises to wife Elizabeth tenement called "Marshall at the well" in the town of Royston till son William is of age, remainder to daughter Johanna. Mentions Agnes my wife's sister. Appoints Christopher Grene, Robert Marshall my brother, and Robert Hall of Royston executors. Witnesses:—Thomas Taverner my confessor, John Sutton of Mylrede, and James Rogerson of Royston. Proved at Lambeth by Robert Marshall, 26 November, 1507. (Adeane 29.)

I find no further mention of Bedfordshire Marshalls till a much later date than this. Mr. Robert Marshall appears to have been Minister of St. Peter de Merton, Bedford, from 1647-1660, during which period several of his children were baptized there, viz. :—William, 24 December, 1648; Margaret, 7 April, 1650 (buried 18 May following); John, 22 April, 1651; Ann, 30 April, 1654; Robert, 25 March, 1656; Elizabeth, 9 November, 1657; and a child of his still-born was buried 20 April, 1660.

There may have been people of this name at Luton. James Marshall of Harpenden,* in co. Hertford, yeoman,

* See Stroud "Journal" of 2 August, 1879, for notices of Marshalls who held land at Luton and Harpenden.

in his will dated 30 December, 1719, devises his lands at Luton, co. Bedford, and lands at Harpenden to wife Anna for life, she to pay my brother Phillip Marshall £16 a year for his life; the said annuity to be paid after decease of said Phillip Marshall to my cousin Phillip Marshall son of my brother Phillip Marshall for his life. Lands before mentioned to cousin Phillip Marshall after decease of my wife, remainder to his children if he have any. Devises lands to churchwardens and overseers of Wheathampstead and Harpenden to put out poor men's children apprentices. Wife Anna sole executrix. Mr. Thomas Marson, junr., of Luton, grocer, and Hugh Smith, of St. Albans, Maltster, to assist executrix. Proved by Relict, 10 July, 1722. (Marlborough 142.)

William Marshall of Hitchin, Herts., and Mary Harvey of St. Giles Cripplegate, were married at St. Mary Aldermanbury, 18 November, 1714.

The Marshalls of Ippolits appear to have remained at that place till a later period than that previously mentioned, and their last representative to have died in the Fleet. He was Nicholas Marshall of the parish of St. Pulcker's, London, who in his will undated, desires to be buried in Ippolits churchyard at south side of Chancel. Mentions his wife Saray. Appoints John Doe trustee. Mentions also, my daughter Ann now wife to John Stevens; my son Josiah Marshall, and his children; granddaughter Mary Marshall daughter to my son Mathew; my grandchildren, sons and daughters of Danill Gootteridge, who is mentioned as deceased as also his wife; William Marshall my grandson son of my son Christopher (dead but his wife living); grandson William Marshall son of William Marshall executor. December 9, 1737, appeared

William Marshall, senior, of the parish of St. Mary Whitechapell in the co. of Middlesex, gentleman, and Ann Steventon wife of Thomas Steventon of the parish of St. Sepulchre, London, and swore that the will was in handwriting of testator who died 2 December. December 10, 1737, appeared John Wilmer of the parish of St. Andrew, Undershaft, merchant, and deposed that he knew Nicholas Marshall late of the parish of St. Sepulchre, but in the Fleet prison, London, deceased, and swore to the interlineations in the will. This will was proved by William Marshall, the younger, the sole executor, 12 December, 1737. (Wake 280.)

The above notes of Bedfordshire Marshalls are all I have. I shall be glad of any further memoranda your correspondents may be kind enough to supply.

GEORGE W. MARSHALL.

"ARLESEY."—Mr. Ashurst—His case was particular—"He could not comply with the New Impositions in the Act of Uniformity; and therefore would have quitted his living but was rather advised to continue in it and did so without molestation. He was old and his Vicarage small, even below competency and he had been episcopally ordain'd. Judge Brown was his Patron, Parishioner, and great friend. The whole Parish was well affected for his Worthy Behaviour amongst them and entirely under the influence of the Judge and another gentleman who also was his great Friend. And so though he was legally silenc'd he contined in his church a Nonconformist. He read part of the Morning and Evening Service, viz. Confession Scripture Hymns and Cread and

some of the collects. He was a considerable scholar and an hard student to the last. Greatly esteemed and loved by all sober Persons who knew him, for his extraordinary Piety. Humility meekness and self denial and Integrity. His contempt of the world and contentedness with a very small income much below his worth were very remarkable. He took for his small tithes just what his Parishioners were pleased to give him. He much bewail'd the Degeneracy of the Age. He lived to be very old. Mr. Read of Henlow his near neighbour and old intimate Friend preached his funeral sermon and gave a large encomium of him which he well deserved."—From Edmund Calamy's "Account of Ejected Ministers after the Restoration in 1660, by or before the Act of Uniformity," Vol. 2, page 93.

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A LIST OF BEDFORDSHIRE GENTRY, 1433.

It may interest some of your readers to see a list of the Gentry of Bedfordshire as given by that worthy antiquary Thomas Fuller, D.D., in his "History of the Worthies of England," MDCLXII. It is headed :—

"THE NAMES OF THE GENTRY OF THIS
COUNTRY,
RETURNED BY THE COMMISSIONERS IN THE TWELFTH
YEAR OF KING HENRY THE SIXTH."

The Commissioners were :—William Bishop of Lincoln, John de Fanhope chevalier, John Wenlock Armig., John Gascoigne Armig., the two latter being Knights for the Shire.—

Fuller, in his quaint way, says, even at the early date of his work, concerning the Gentry :

“ Hungry Time hath made a Glutton’s Meal on this Catalogue of Gentry, and hath left but a very little morsel for manners remaining ; so few of these are found extant in this shire, and fewer continuing in a Genteel Equipage. Amongst whom I must not forget the Family of the Blundels, whereof Sir Edward Blundell behaved himself right valiantly, in the unfortunate expedition to the Isle of Ree.”

I give the names in alphabetical order as being of more use for reference than in the promiscuous way they appear in his list.

D. G. C. ELWES.

Acworth, Humph.	Chaldewell (Prioris de).
Alford, Ade.	Chamberlain, Tho.
Attehay, Johan.	Chekesson (Prioris de).
Bailli, Thomas (de Houghton).	Chopper, Tho. (de Turvey).
Bailli, Valentin (de Luton).	Clerk, Radulp.
Baldoe, Johan.	Coke, Johan (de Crawley).
Billingdon, Hugonis.	*Coldington, Johan.
Billingdon, Hugo.	Conquest, Johan’ (de Houghton).
Blondell, Tho.	Conquest, Joh. de Houghton.
Bocher, Will. (de Henlow).	Cruker, Stephani.
Bochell, Will.	Davey, Robert (junioris).
Bollock, Robert.	Dunstable (Prioris de).
Boteler, Johan. (de Northzele).	Enderby, Johan.
Boughton, Johan.	Etewell, Hen.
Bromflete, Henrici (Chevalier).	Falwell, Radulph.
Broughton, Johannis.	Ferrour, Johan’ (de Bedford).
Bushemede (Prioris de).	Filbrigge, Simon (Chevalier).
	Fitz, Johan.
	Fitzgeoffrey, Johan.

Fyse, Johan.	Milward, Will.
Gervys, Johan' (de Maldon).	Molso, Will.
Glove, Johan' (junioris).	Mordant, Roberti.
Glove, Johan' (junioris).	Morton, Johan.
Godfrey, Hen.	Morton, Thom.
Grecell, Johan.	Nunham (Prioris de).
Haile, Will. (de Chitingdon).	Palmer, Will.
Halle, Johan.	Peeke or Pekke, Johan' (junioris).
Harding, Nich.	Pekke, Joh. (junioris).
Hasselden, Hugonis.	Pekke, Thom.
Hertusherne, Johan.	Peeke or Pekke, Thom.
Hoo, Thos.	Peeke or Pekke, Will.
Jakes, Thomas.	Pekke, Will.
Kene, Will.	Pestell, Johan' (de Nunham).
Kiggle, Johan (de Toding-ton).	Petifer, Johan.
King, Johannis (de Harrowden).	Pikot, Will.
Lancelin, Will.	Potter, Johan.
Lancelin, Will.	Preston, Chri.
Lincoln, Rich.	Purvey, Thos.
Lonnde, Johan.	Purvey, Will.
Lonnde, Tho.	Purvey, Will.
Lonnde, Walter.	Radwell, Johan.
Low, Nich.	Ragon, Johan.
Ludsopp, Will.	Ragon, Thom.
Lye, Hen. de.	Ragon, Tho.
Lye, Hen. de.	Ratele, Robert.
Maningham, Thom.	Ratull Roberti.
Manntell, Hen.	Ravenhull, Nich.
Marham, Will.	Rede, Will.
Marram, Johan.	Rokeston, Tho.
Meppershale, Johan.	Roxton, Tho.
Merston, Rich.	Sampson, Rich.
	Sewell, Hen.

Sewell, Johan.	Waite, Johan.
Shotfold, Will.	Wale, Will.
Sileham, Will.	Warden (Abboti de).
Spencer, Johau.	Warner, Rob. (de la Hethe).
Spencer, Thom. (de Geton).	Warner, Rob.
Stanlow, Johan.	Wanton, Tho. (Chevalier).
Stepeing, Math.	White, Will. (de Luton).
Stokker, Tho.	William, Tho.
Stratton, Tho.	Wingate, Will.
Taillard, Walteri.	Woburn (Abbotis de) et sui celararii.
Trought, Will.	Ypping, Will.
Turvey, Johan' (de Turvey).	
Valence, Robert.	

LUTON.—In the *Third Report of the Royal Commission on Historical Manuscripts* is a detailed description of an old MS. relating to this town, now in the possession of the Marquis of Bute. As the MS. is an important one, I cannot do better than quote the description in full.

“A folio of 213 leaves of vellum in the old oak boards covered somewhat recently with calf leather, and comprising two MSS:—1. The Book of the Fraternity or Gild of the Holy Trinity of Luton, in Bedfordshire, containing the annual accounts of the Masters and Wardens of the House from 19 Hen. VIII. to the feast of St. Michael next after the accession of King Edward VI. 2. A MS. entitled on the last page of the previous MS., ‘Heare followeth the Courte Rolls of the Mannor of Luton, from the xth year of Edward the 4th to the 5th and 6th of the Raigne of Kynge Phillippe and Queene Marye.’ This heading is substantially repeated on the 1st page of the second MS., with the addition ‘to the first of Elizabeth.’”

There is only one roll belonging to the reign of Edw. IV., two to Henry VII., and there are a few during the early part of Henry VIII., but from the 25 of Henry VIII. the series appears to be nearly if not quite complete, and is of considerable interest with reference to the history and topography of Luton and its hamlets. The rolls comprise lists of homagers, presentments, admissions, &c., chiefly in Latin, but with an occasional mixture of English. Now and then we meet with a quaint entry:—*Juratores predicti volunt quod serri adulti istius parochie non debent ludere ad troculas et ad discos sub pena incarserationis in cippis per spatium unias diei et noctis.*

The Book of the Fraternity or Gild of the Holy Trinity is an especially interesting MS. as throwing light on the history of prices and wages, and the magnificence of the feasts of our ancestors. The book is written in English in ordinary hands of the former half of the 16th century, and the accounts are arranged under the following heads:—Receipts, Payments, Allowances to the Wardens for Wages, Masses, &c.; Stondyng Dyrges, Dyrges of Casweltes, Expenses at the ffest, miscellaneous items, Payments, Reparacions. At the end of each year the accounts are balanced and the surplus entered thus (Folio 9): “*All things content and payd. Left still in the Box lxijli. iijs. viijd. ob.*”

Then follows a memorandum of the goods handed over by the outgoing wardens to their successors.

The “Receipts” consist of 1st the balance “in the fraternity box;” the yearly contributions of the brethren and sisters on the feast day, varying from £67 to £16, money received in payment of debts, by way of gifts, and by the sale of superfluous provisions, &c., “Rentys of

Assise," or assessed rents, and "The fferme Rentys," or rents paid by leaseholders, which amount on the average to £25 per annum.

The heading "Payments" occurs twice in the yearly account. The first entry under this head relates to "The owt Rentys," or rents paid by the fraternity for lands held by them, of which the yearly average is about 35s. The second includes items which throw an interesting light on the history of the guild and the history and ancient state of Luton Church. For example:—

Item payd to ij lernyd men of the law for our charter over seyng at London and for Thomas Manynham costes. Fo. 7.	} iiijs. iiijs.
Item payd for pentynge of the clothe before the trinite and the fringe and the settynge up thereof.	} vi st . vid.
Item payd for a boke at London to wryte the constiticeones in.	} ij st .
Item payd for the constitecions wrytings bowthe in Englis and Laten.	} v st .
Item payd for mendynge of the awter clothe of the brother Auter. Fo. 24.	} iiijs. d.
Item paid for wrytting of a cowpy of the olde charter.	} iiijs. d.
Item paid to Thomas Kent for borde to mend the setys with in the chapelle and settynge up of the candlystykes upon the beym. Fo. 39.	} ij st .
Item payd to Thomas brother for peyntynge of the beym afore the brotherhed auter. Fo. 39 b.	} xij st .

Item payd towards the organys making.	vijd.
Fo. 57.	
Item payd for the ij standartts for the hersse ij ^u . di. (2½lbs. of wax) and the makynge of the same.	xvijd.
Fo. 68 b.	
Item payd for xij ^u . wex for trenytie lyght	vj ^{s.}
Fo. 68 b.	
Item to Wyllyam Barbour for making of the trenytle lyght and the Standarttes ageynst the brotherhed day.	xxd.
Item for keveryng of the Register.*	
Item payd for an awter cloth ij ells and di. in lenght and the making thereof. Fo. 87.	xxiijd.
Item payd for hollooyng of the same clothe	ijd.
Item payd for harnes for a sogear. Fo. 156 b.	ix ^{s.} vid.
Item payd to the same sogear in money.	ij ^{s.} vid.

Under the heading "Allowances to Wardens," a year's payment for "Jhu's masse and our lade masse," is set down at 8s. (fo. 72b.); and under "Stondyng Dyrges," or payments for the annual dirges of benefactors, in respect of houses and lands, there are such entries as the following:—*Payd for John Attwell's dyrge for the house that Thomas Wye holdys, ijs. vid. Item for Syr Joh'n Lamberts d. p'st for iiiij acres of land in Maynden feld, ijs. ix^{d.} (fo. 626), "Dyrges of Casweltes," or payment for dyrges of persons apparently recently deceased, vary from 2s. 1d.*

* Now in Lord Bute's possession and mentioned immediately after the present MS.

Mr. H. Gough has for some time past been engaged by the Marquis of Bute in preparing for publication the above described Register and Book of the Fraternity, and I understand that the work is now nearly accomplished.—ED.

to 2s. 7d. It is unnecessary to point out the genealogical value of such entries. The "expenses at the ffeast" show the cost of such items as the following:—

Whete.	Beyf.	Spyce (including
Malte.	Moton.	dates, almonds,
Beyr.	Lammys.	raisins, sugar,
Bruying.	Wyne.	&c).
Bakyng.	Weneger.	Salte.
Geys.	Werges.	Ffyshe.
Pygges.	Egges.	Mynstrelles.
Capons.	Trenchers.	Butlers.
Wood.	Spoony.	Cokys.
Turners.	Butter.	Hastelars.
Chekyns.	Mylke.	Cheys.
Rabbets.	Hone.	

From the miscellaneous items I made the following extracts:—

Item payd to Henry Jacson for hewyng and makynge of xiiij formys.	xvijd.
Item payd to Wylliam Nycolson for sawing of the same formys.	xxd.
Item payd to Henry Jackson for beyng porter.	iiijd.
Item payd for a gelebag and a strener.	vd.
Item payd to Richard Crond for beryng the banner afore the maystur and the wardens.	ijd.
Item payd for lyverys at London.	iiij <i>s.</i> viijd.

The heading "Reparacions" is also instructive on the rate of wages and the price of materials. For example:—

Item payd to Thomas Geyr and his man a	viiid.
day, for mendyng of the barne doris.	
Fo. 7.	xls.
Item payd to Thomas Tole for X m ^l of tylis.	
Fo. 7 b.	xvijd.
Item payd to Thomas Perot de byscot for ij	
loods of sand.	
Item payd to ij tylers and ther ij men for	ixs.
vij days worke and di' and ther borde.	

In the memorandum of goods mention is made yearly of certain articles of silver. In the account for 1545 there is an erasure in the place where the plate has been previously entered, and in the account for 1546 it disappears altogether. The Fraternity was dissolved by Stat. 1. Ed. VI., and its possessions were in the following year granted to Randolph Burgh and Robert Beverley. On the first leaf of the M.S. there is this memorandum :—“Xchurch Hants. August 24, 1780. To the Right Hon^{ble}. the Earl of Bute, with Gustavus Brander's most respectful compliments.”

Registerium sive liber fundatorum magistrorum custodum fratrum et sororum fraternitatis sive gilde Sancte individue Trinitatis ac beatissime virginis Marie ecclesie perochialis de luyton in com. Bedford.

A small folio MS., embracing a period from 1475 to 1546, written in bold black letter by various hands during the latter part of the 15th century, and the first half of the 16th, and illustrated with numerous illuminations, which exhibit the progress of this department of art during the 70 years over which the register extends.

It is the same MS. of which mention is made in the Book of the Fraternity, but its present binding of olive green morocco is of the date of James I., with the royal arms

impressed on the sides. It contains genealogical information relating to families of Bedfordshire, Hertfordshire, and other counties, and coupled with the Book of the Fraternity offers a rich mine to local antiquaries. Notices of this MS. have appeared in Dr. Ingram's *Memorials of Oxford*, and in Shaw's *History of the Chapel in Luton Park*. In the *Topographica Britannica*, Vol. IV., Nos. 3 and 4, p. 53, Gough says that "this curious manuscript was purchased August 3, 1778, of Messrs. Leigh and Sotheby, at the auction of Mr. Hingeston, bookseller, by Mr. James Matthews; who disposed of it to Dr. Ducarel, by whom it was presented Dec. 3, 1779, to Thomas Astle, Esq., who has since presented it to the Earl of Bute." Gough, however, is wrong in speaking of this MS. as containing the annual accounts of the Gild. He evidently mistakes it for the Book of the Fraternity."

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LORING FAMILY OF CHALGRAVE.

Strangers visiting Chalgrave or more properly Tebworth, which is a hamlet within the parish of Chalgrave, would probably arrive at the conclusion that they had seen a parish without a church, and such an idea might easily be formed, for the Parish Church is situated at the confines of the parish close to the hamlet of Chalton, and is fully a mile from the village. The only houses near the church consist of two cottages, and a farm-house which is supposed to occupy the site of the ancient residence of the Lorings, a family of note who were seated there as early as the XII. century. The proximity of the church to this site would lead one to suppose that this family were the founders, and a search amongst the old

Registers at Lincoln would probably confirm this view. The church is dedicated to All Saints, and, as we learn from that valuable record the Dunstable Chronicle, was dedicated A.D. 1219.

“Et in die Sanctae Crucis ab eodem (Robertus Lichmorensis Episcopus) dedicata est ecclesia de Chagrave, cum annua remissione viginti dierum.” (Chron. Dunst., *Annales Monastici*, vol. III., p. 56, 1866.) This church was at that time attached to the Priory of Dunstable, and in the following year 1220, in the month of October, the Vicarage was established and taxed by Hugh II., Bishop of Lincoln.

“Vicaria ecclesiae de Chagrave valet quinque marcas et dimidiam; totalis ecclesia quindecem. Dicta vero vicaria consistit in toto alteragio, et manso presbeteri cum gardino, et majori crofta ex parte occidentis, quæ est quatuor acrarum.” (Ibid. p. 59.)

The same Chronicle records two presentations to the vicarage, viz. :—

“Eodem anno (1273) dedimus vicariam de Chalgrave Waltero de Radenhore; et Galfridus Le Lorenge eam recusavit. (Ibid. p. 260.)

“Eodem anno (1294) Ricardus de Northwoode, subdiaconus, ad nostram praesentationem vicariam nostram de Chalgrave est assecutus, de gratiâ domini episcopi (Oliver Sutton) speciale.” (Ibid. p. 391.)

And in 1273 the Priory accorded the privilege of a chantry in the parish church to the Loring family :—

“Eodem anno (1273) concessimus eandam gratiam (i.e. quod habeant suo perpetuo cantariam) celebrandi domino Petro Le Loring apud Chalgrave, et Petro filio suo.” (Ibid. p. 257.)

But my object in writing this is chiefly to direct atten-

tion to the two handsome altar tombs which still remain in the Church. They are placed respectively on the north and south sides of the nave under the second bays west of the Chancel. Each tomb has the recumbent figure of a knight in armour boldly carved in stone; and though the hand of time has all but obliterated every trace whereby these may be identified, sufficient clue is left at any rate to identify the family, if not the individuals. And here the utility of the study of Heraldry is manifest, for to the superficial observer these tombs offer no trace of identification, but to one at all acquainted with the laws of heraldry, the surcoat with which the figures are clothed at once reveals that the monuments belong to the Loring family. Certainly the arms are not readily detected, being of a very simple character (as they mostly were in the early days)—quarterly, over all a bend, or correctly blazoned thus—Quarterly argent and gules, a bend of the second. Doubtless this surcoat was heraldically coloured once like the rest of the shields round the sides of the tombs were formerly.

Some members of the family appear to have borne the bend engrailed, *teste Lansd.* MSS. 864, fo. 2. Arms of Loring—Quarterly Ar. and Gu. a bend fusilly of the 2nd, —*alii*, a bend engr. sa., but according to a MS. (No. clviii) in the Library of Queen's Coll., Oxon, the Arms of Sr Piers Lorynge are there entered as—Quarterly Arg. and Gu., a bend of the second.

Mr. J. G. Nichols, in the *Topographer and Genealogist*, Vol. I., p. 66, after describing the tombs and assigning them to temp. Edw. III., says, in a note, “Though Edmondson gives this coat for Loring of Bedfordshire, Lysons (p. 66) unadvisedly says ‘it must be observed

that none of the shields, of which there are several on the tombs, exhibit the arms of Loring.' The identity of the coat is proved by the Roll of Edward II., 8vo, 1828, p. 34."

The Lansd. MSS. above quoted give as the Crest—Five feathers issuant out of a Bason or; this agrees in some respects with Powell's description of the crest as carved on the tomb, and with the crest assigned to Loringe in Burke's Armoury, though for S^r Nele Loringe he gives a different version of the crest, owing probably to inaccurate observation,—The leaves of a plant issuant from a flower-pot!

Leland (I quote second-hand) refers to the family in these words:—"There lay also buried in this priory (Dunstable) one Nigellus Loring, a nobleman of Bedfordshire, and a great benefactor to the priory. This Nigellus made three cantuaries in the paroch church of Tuddington in Bedfordshire, about two miles from Dunstable, and there, as I here say, lye buried sum of that stokke. There lyith also a nobleman called Fitzneele, a benefactor to the priory." (Itin. VI. p. 72).

Now it is quite possible that S^r Neil Loring may have been buried at Dunstable Priory, though I incline to the belief that he was buried at Chalgrave, but as for the chantries at Toddington, there is evidently a mistake here, as we know from the *Chron. Dunst.* that the family had a licence to erect a chantry at Chalgrave, and we also know that some of the family were buried there. If then, instead of Toddington we substitute Chalgrave we shall be nearer the truth, though in any case the distances, as given by Leland, are incorrect.

I am afraid, owing to the defacement of the shields, it

will be a matter of difficulty to exactly identify these tombs, as there are no impaled shields left ; the blazoning also is rather doubtful in some cases.

A description of these tombs is to be found in Powell's *Topographical Collections for Bedfordshire* in the British Museum ; Add. MSS. 17456, dated 10th Septr. 1811, in which, after giving a brief description of the Church, he says :—" Nevertheless it contains two monuments of the finest sort belonging to the great family of Loring. On the south side of the nave under the second arch from the Chancel is an altar monument—the sides quite plain with three suspended small shields on each side, and one at the head and foot, on each side of which are the remains of painted figures of saints ; above the cornice is a slab on which lies at full length a finely carved figure of a knight of Edw. 3 or Rich. 2nd time, rather a small man with a surcoat of arms—Quarterly - - - and gls. a bendlet gls.—over his plate armour ; gorget of mail, and also the under surcoat ; remains of sword and dagger. At his feet a finely carved lyon well preserved. His head rests on his helmet, on which is his crest—a bundle of small feathers sable curiously knotted together and exquisitely carved. From some appearances about the capitals of the columns of the arch under which this monument lies, I thought there might have been a canopy over it.

Opposite (*i.e.* under the second arch from the Chancel on the north side) the monument just described is an altar tomb larger, the sides adorned with three large shields set in gothic circular 4 foil work and small compartments of panels of little gothic arches—at head and foot one shield, on which lies a statue which at first sight seems gigantic, but when measured is 6-2 or 3 inches in height ; the dress

pretty near similar to the other ; the surcoat charged with the same arms ; the helmet deprived of its crest, which, however, I found lying in the Chancel, and is the same bundle of feathers, but the feathers interlaced together longer. The dagger on his left side is particularly perfect —the upper part of the scabbord adorned with a gothic pinnacle. This whole statue, as well as the opposite one, has been richly painted and gilt. At his feet is a large dog of the greyhound sort. Against the pillar is a bracket for a figure of a saint to whom he was addressing himself. There seems to me evidently to have been a canopy both from the corner of the altar part and the pillars. On the two side panels are six shields suspended, and one at the head and foot—a painted figure between each."

Under a sketch of the tomb last described are written these words :—

"Original paint very visible.—This of ye two I take for Sir Neil, Kt.—No charges on the 3 shields on its sides."

The following are the arms tricked in this MS. I cannot, however, say to which tomb they belong, as the MS. is rather confused on this point. Those marked with an asterisk are also given in the *Topographer and Genealogist*, Vol. I., p. 66, but even there Mr. Nichols fails to specify the particular tomb.

(*On one tomb.*)

- *1. Quarterly (Arg.) and gules, a bend gu. (LORING.),
(at the head.)
- *2. Gules, on a chief—a lion pass.

On the remaining five shields the charges are all effaced.

(*On the other tomb.*)

- *1. Quarterly—and—, a bend—. (LORING.)
(at the head, embossed.)

2. Quarterly—and gu., a bend gu. (**LORING.**)
(at the foot, painted.)
3. *Not described.*
- *4. — a chief indented gu.
5. — a fesse between two chevrons—. (? **ST. MAUR.**)
6. Quarterly—and gu., a bend—. (**LORING.**)
- *7. Gu. on a chief—, a lion pass. (sa.) (? **PERROT.**)
- *8. Quarterly (**Arg.**) and gu. a saltire eng. (? **BLOYON.**)

Nichols writing in 1846 says, after describing the four shields marked *, "Also four others now blank."

Unfortunately I am unable now to verify these shields (supposing the charges are still discernible) as the tombs are boxed round with pews, which render free access impossible.

The earliest mention † of the family I find as hereunder:

"CHALGRAVE, que fuit hereditas ROGERI LE LOHERENG, post mortem ejus fuit in manu PHILIPPI DE WINDESORE v. annis et dimidio, pro C. et iij marcis, quas dictus PHILIPPUS dedit SIMONI DE BELLO-CAMPO, scilicet Domino feodi, ut haberet custodiam dicti terre, cum heredibus ROGERI: xvij annis post mortem PHILIPPI, AMAURIUS suscepit eandem custodiam per Dominum Regem, ad eundem terminum, et jam tenuit per ij annos et dimidium. PETRUS, heres predicti ROGERI, erit xij annorum ad proximum Pascha. Villa predicta cum pertinentiis, valet xxij libris et v solidis, cum instauramento quod ibi est. Domina AKINA habet inter x libratas. Preterea WILLELMUS LOHARENG reddit manerio j sprevarium sorum; et WILLELMUS filius HUGONIS, j libram piperis. Et si iij C. oves apponenterunt, redditus manerii posset crescere

† In "Domesday" one Albert of Lorraine held the manor of Chalgrave; possibly this may be the same family.

in lx solidos." (*Rotuli de dominabus et pueris et puellis de donatione Regis in xii comitatibus : de itinere Hugonis de Morewich, Rudulfi Murdac, Willelmi Vavassur et Magistri Thome de Hesseburn ; Anno 31 Regis Henrici II. 1185. Curante Stacey Grimaldi, Lond:., 1830.*)

From this abstract of inquisition we learn the following facts:—That Chalgrave was the inheritance of Roger Loring, that the said Roger was dead *ante* 1185, the date of this inq., that he left issue, that Peter was his son and heir, and would be 12 years old on Easter day of that year. It will be observed that a William Loring is mentioned in this inq., probably he may have been another son of Roger Loring's. This Peter, it would seem, was living in 1250, for in the Dunstable Chronicle it appears that he was defeated in a suit against the Priory; and again in the year 1273 the Prior of Dunstable conceded to Peter le Loring and to Peter his son the privilege of a Chantry at Chalgrave. Here we have the first mention of Peter, the grandson of Roger; and Peter, the son, would now be 80 years of age. It would probably be the grandson who, according to *Rot. Hund. 7 Edw. I.*, held part of the Bedford barony lands in the parish of Sharnbrook of Willm. de Monchensi. The Dunstable Chronicle, under the year 1286, records the death of Sir Peter Loring in the following words:—

"Eodem anno (1286) mortuus est dominus Petrus Lorenge mense Januario ; qui super omnes progenitores suos specialius nos amavit" (p. 260).

This obit, I take it, must apply to Peter, the grandson of Roger (though it is singular that the Chronicle should be silent respecting the death of Peter, his father), for it can hardly apply to Peter, the father, as it would bring

his age up to 113 years. I may here note that a Peter de Loring was Knight of the Shire in 7—10 Edw. II. (1313-17); but I am not yet able to assign him a place in the pedigree.

From the foregoing notes and with the help of the Heralds' Visitations I have put together the following brief pedigree of this family:—

ROGER LE LOHERENG of Chalgrave, Inq. p. m., dated 1185. mar. and left issue of whom—

PETER LE LOHERENG was his eldest son and heir, aged about 12 years at the date of the above inq. He was succeeded by—

SIR PETER LE LORENGER or LORINGE his son and heir who mar. **JOAN**, da. and heir of—**MORTEYN** (¹) and dying in the month of January 1286 was succeeded by—

SIR ROGER LORING his son and heir who married **CASANDRA** da. and heir of **Reignold Perrott** (¹) and had—

SIR NEIL LORING, K.G., (²) his son and heir. Sir Neil mar. **MARGARET** da. and heir of **SIR RAPHE BEAUPLE** or **BEWPLE** by **ELIZABETH** da. and heir of **SIR ALLEN BLOYON** of Cornwall, Kt., and of his wife—da. and heir of **SIR PIERS NANSCUTT** of the same county Kt. (¹) Sir Niel dying 13th March 1385-6 without male issue, left two daughters his coheirs, one of these—

ISABELL mar. **SIR ROBERT DE HARINGTON**, 3rd Baron Harington (who died in 1405) *a quo* the Barons Harington by Writ of Summons. (³)

MARGARET the other da. and coheir mar. to **THOMAS PEVER** or **PEYVRE** of Toddington, co. Bedf. who died 22 Sept., 1429 (⁴) and left issue—

MARY PEVER da. and heir whose first husband was Sir Richard St. Maur, jun. Kt., son and heir of Richard Lord St. Maur. (6.) Their only da., Alice, a posthumous child mar. to **WILLIAM ZOUCH**, 5th Baron Zouche of Harringworth, and carried the Barony of St. Maur into that family. (8.) By her second husband **JOHN BROUGHTON** she left a son John Broughton who was grand-father of Sir Robert Broughton Kt., whose son Sir John Broughton of Toddington Kt., mar. **ANNE**, da. and heir of Sir Guy Sapcote and left *inter alia* a da. Anne who became the 2nd wife of Sir Thomas Cheyney, K.G. Their son Sir Henry Cheyney of Toddington mar. Jane the seventh da. of **THOMAS LORD WENTWORTH**, of Nettlested in com Suff.

I have extended this pedigree beyond the direct line in order to show the connections of the different families who trace back through female descent to the Loring Family, and it will be seen that some of the oldest and best families can be connected with this pedigree. Further research would probably bring to light many more facts bearing on the above, and some day, when I have more leisure, I shall hope to be able to follow it up ; meanwhile I have thought it well to put together in this shape what material I have available, so that anyone interested can work up the pedigree. I will now proceed to give references to other members of the Loring family whom I have been unable to identify :—

1222.—Walter Loring, Abbot of Malmesbury, died.
(*Chron: Dunst* : p. 77.)

1284.—An Alured Loreng appears as one of a jury.
(*Ibid.* p. 307.)

1286.—A writ was issued to Le Loring junior to restore lands to R. Ordway. (*Ibid.* p. 328.)

1289.—The names of Alured and Neil Lorenge appear as members of a jury. (*Ibid.* pp. 344, 353.)

1293.—Alured Le Lorenger mentioned as one of a jury.
(*Ibid.* p. 381.)

1351.—A Simon Loring appears in a jury list. (*Ibid.* p. 413.)

1383.—A William Loring was prebendary of Biggleswade, and also in 1388. (*Le Nere's Fasti.*)

1383.—A John Lorings was prebendary of Leighton Eccl., and died the same year. (*Ibid.*)

1313-16.—Peter de Loring, Knight of the Shire for Co. Bedf. (*Browne Willis's Notitia Parl.*, p. 3.)

1391.—A Richard Le Loring mentioned in a Charter of Thos. de Moubray. (*Dug. Mon. Angl. s. v. Newenham* p. 375.)

1392.—William Somerwell, burgess of Bristol, left Xs to friar Walter Loryng. Will dated 6 Dec. 1392, proved 16 March 1392, & reg. at the Bristol Council House.

1442.—Date of will of John Loring, in Rous Register Somerset House.

1534.—John Loryng cap. Eccl. de Scti. Andrew in Hertford June 23. (*Clutt. Herts. V. I.*, p. 169.)

1550.—John Loryng died, and Thos. Haspenall, S. T. B., succ. him Nov. 22. (*Ibid. V. II.*, p. 529.)

The following are extracted from Parish Registers:—

(WARDEN).

1607, July 23, Michael s. of Thomas Loringe bapt.

1609, May 3, David s. of Thomas Loringe bapt.
 " " 5, David s. of " " bur.
 1610, Aug. 19, Tho. s. of Tho. " bapt.
 1613, Sept. 12, Elizth. d. of " " "
 1616, Aug. 4, Anne d. of Thomas " "
 1628, Oct. 6, Edward s. of Tho. " bur.
 1632, Sept. 23, Thomas Loringe bur.

(CARDINGTON).

1615, July 30, Johannes filius Michaelis Loreing bapt.
 (NORTHILL).

1602, Oct. 3, William s. of Thomas Loring bapt.
 (WILSHAMSTEAD.)

1611, Oct. 23, Richard Loaring bur.

I may mention that in Toddington Church there is a small brass shield of six quarters, which I am unable to identify; the last quarter is charged with a fret. Now I cannot help thinking that it is in some way connected with the families above mentioned, but owing to the absence of tinctures it is impossible, without further information, to identify the coats. A description of this shield will be found *ante* p. 60. It is just possible that this 6th quarter is intended to represent the arms of Harington—Sa. a fret ar.

The following deed dated 1 Hen: VIII. (1509), is a conveyance from William, Abbot of Woburn to William Loryng and others of a field in Arlesey called Rosewyke. Probably the Loryng here mentioned was connected with the Loryngs of Chalgrave.

“ Sciant presentes & futuri quod ego Willelmus Abbott de Woborne Chapell in Comitatu Bedfordia Dedi Concessi & hac presenti Carta mea Confirmavi Willelmo Loryng de Arlechey in eodem Comitatu Nicholao Wylbon de eadem

& Michaeli Collop de eadem Unum Clausum vocatum le Rosewyke iacentem in Campo de Arlechehey predicto Quequidem Clausum nuper habui ex dono & feoffamento Henrici Abbott de Husburne Crawley in Comitatu predicto ad huc superstitis habendum & tenendum predictum Clausum cum omnibus suis pertinenciis prefato Willelmo, Nicholao, & Michaeli heredibus & Assignatis suis ad usum predictum Willelmi Loryng heredum & Assignatorum suorum imperpetuum De Capitalibus dominis feodi illius per servicia inde debita et de jure Consueta. Et ego vero predictus Willelmus Abbott & heredes mei predictum Clausum cum omnibus suis pertinenciis prefato Willelmo, Nicholao, & Michaeli heredibus & Assignatis suis ad usum predictum Contra omnes gentes Warantizabimus & imperpetuum defendemus per presentes. In cujus rei testimonium huic presenti Carte mee Sigillum meum Apossum hiis testibus Johanne Clyfton de Arlechehey predicto, Johanne Smyth de eadem taylor, Willelmo Baldoke de eadem et Aliis. Datum Apud Arlechehy predictum decimo die mensis Octobris Anno regni Henrici octaui post Conquestum Anglie primo."

Powell in his MS. also refers to a Rose Loring who in the xiith century appropriated the Church of Chalgrave to Dunstable Priory, and to a William Loring of Hailes, co. Glouc., descended of a younger brother of the Hon. Sir Neil Lorenge one of the founders of the Garter; I am not, however, in a position to confirm these statements, nor have I seen any mention elsewhere of Sir Neil having brothers.

F. A. B.

1. Visitation of Bedf., 1586. Cooke (by Glover). Queen's Coll., Oxford, MS. CXIV., fo. 83.

2. This Sir Neil Loring was one of those selected by King Edward for

the honour of knighthood at the institution of the Order of the Garter, and occupied the 20th stall.

3. Burke's *Extinct Peerage*.

4. See *Ante*, pp. 63, 64, for copies of the inscriptions formerly on the tombs of Thomas and Margaret Pever. The arms of Pever impaling Loring may still be seen on a shield borne by one of the carved wooden angels in the roof of the nave of Toddington Church—the second on the north-east.

5. Clutterbuck's *Hist. of Hertfordshire*, Vol. II., p. 529.

BEDFORD—1531 [31 MAY], R.O.

LETTER TO SIR JOHN DYVE.

Wm. Cursun, Vicar of the Friars Observants, Greenwich, to Sir John Dyve—

Desires to be recommended to him and his wife. Thanks them both for their many kindnesses to the brethren. The King has sent their warden to remain at the Grey Friars of Bedford. Requests him to find out from the warden, or one of the brethren, how he is treated, and whether his friends may resort to him or write to him. Knows no reason for the King's displeasure, "because he spake and answered the preacher being in the pulpit, in his sermon;" for which he has been divers times before the bishops, and once before the Convocation. Fears his answer has been misreported to the King. Wishes the King knew his virtuous and religious conversation, and the true heart he bears to God and his Prince. Does not think well to write or send to him till he knows the King's pleasure. Asks for an answer by the next servant whom he is sending to London, or to the Court, which is now at Greenwich, and desires him to tell the warden to let their father have all he wants, for which they will find the money. Greenwich the Wensday in Wyssou weyk. Hol.,

p. 1, Add: To &c.; Sir John Dyve Knt. dwelling in Bedfordshire. End^d: "This letter was delivered me, the last day of May by Thomas Rowthe, of Bedford, innholder, in the presence of Reynold Grey Esq., Sir John Patynson, Vicar of Bromham, and other of my servants."

J. G. RAYNES.

AMPTHILL.

PRIVY PURSE EXPENCES OF HENRY VIII., BY NICHOLAS.

(*On the 21st August 1530 The King was at Ampthill where he appears to have remained until about the 3rd September when he went on to Hertford passing through Hitchen where he gave 40s. to the Friars of that place.*)

PAYMENTS IN AUGUST 1530.

It'm the xxij daye paid to a s'vnt of Maister Buckley's s'vnt, for bringing of hawks and greyhounds to the King's grace to Antyll	xls.
It'm the same daye to Robert Acton the King's Sadler for bringing of ij. white skynnes to Antyll	vjs. viijd.
It'm the xxv. daye paied to the kep' and his wif at Antell for fisshing and to ij. other men that holpe to ffissh	xs.
It'm the same daye (xxvij.) to Thomas the fote man for that he layed out at Antell by the King's Comanndet	vs.
It'm the last daye paied at Antel to John Elys Maister of the King's myne at lantrissen in Walys in	

glamorganshire xxij*l.* xvjs. vjd. to
be employed upon the said myne.. xxij*l.* xvjs. vjd.
It'm the same last daye paied At
Antell to Edmond lynde for his
wages due at Michaelmas next
comyng, after a grote a daye xxxs. vd.
It'm to James the henne taker for his
quarter wages due at the said tyme
next comyng xlvs.

YET PAYMENTS IN SEPTEMBRE 1530.

It'm the furste daye paied to a s'vnt
of Sr. Robert Aleys in Rewarde for
bringing a greyhounde to the King
at Antell. vijs. vjd.
It'm the same daye paid to Giles
grome of the Crosbowes for so
moche by him layd out abouthe the
mending of the King's net vijs. vjd.
It'm the same daye to Peter fawcons
for his lyveray Cote. xxijs. vjd.
It'm the ijde daye to the ij. keepers
of the great parke at Antell in Re-
warde xiijs. iiijd.
It'm the same daye to the keper of
the little parke there in Rewarde. . vjs. viijd.
It'm the same day to the keper of the
parke of Brokborowe in Reward .. vjs. viijd.
It'm the same day paied by the King's
comanndement at Antell to a s'vnt
of my lady princesse for her use to
make paystyme wt all x*l.*

It'm the same daye to Peter Taberet and John Bolenger the King's myn- strells by waye of Rewarde at Antell	iiiij <i>Li.</i>
It'm the same daye to Robert Shere keper of the King's prvyate begles for his monethe wages when due ..	vs.
It'm the same daye to Richard Am- sham for vij. yards and di. of Coton Summa partis. xvij <i>Li.</i> xv <i>s.</i> v <i>jd.</i>	v <i>s.</i> iiiij <i>d.</i>
It'm the iijde. daye paied to the friers of Lochen by way of Reward	x <i>s.</i>
<i>(In September 1531 there are the following entries)—</i>	
It'm the xj. day paied for a carte to cary the houndes from Grafton to Antyll after xv. myles	ij <i>s.</i> v <i>jd.</i>
It'm the same daye (xv.) paied to the keper of the great parke of Antyll in rewarde	xiiij <i>s.</i> iiiij <i>d.</i>
It'm the xv. daye paied in Reward to the keper of the litle parc of Antyll	v <i>s.</i> viij <i>d.</i>
It'm the same daye paied to haukyns the fawconer for hawks mete as dothe appere by his bille	xv <i>s.</i> viij <i>d.</i>
It'm the same daye paied to Willi'm Locke for certyns silks bought by the King's grace at Antyll	lxx <i>Li.</i> v <i>s.</i>
It'm the same daye paied to the same locke for a bronche wt an Amatas in it.....	v <i>Li.</i>
It'm the xvij. daye paied to one that brought the stag from Antyll to	

Knebworthe	vs.
It'm the same day (i.e. 3 October 1531) paied for a carte to cary the King's hounds fro Antyll to Wal- tham	vs.

It'm the vij. daye paied for a carte for the King's hounds fro Antyll to Knebbeworthe	vs.
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(*On the 23rd July 1532 the King was again at Ampthill, as
appears by the following entries*)—

It'm the xxiij. daye paied to A s'vnt of Maister Spenser that brought a greyhounde to the King to Antyll in reward	vijs. vjd.
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It'm the same daye paied to a s'vnt of maister Spenser for bringing of a lauret to the King's grace Rewarde	vs.
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It'm the same daye paied to A s'vnt of Maister luk's in rewarde for bringing A present of mete to the King's grace at Antyll	vijs. vjd.
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It'm the xxv. daye paied to a s'vnt of Sr. Robert Alee in Rewarde for bringing cheses and aples to the King's grace at Antyll	vs.
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It'm the xxvj. daye paied to a pour chielde that the King's grace heled of his sickness	vijs. vjd.
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It'm the same daye paied by the King's comanndement A Antyll to Browne the m'chant for so moche	
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money As he dud Wynne of the King's grace at shoting as aperith by his bill	xxij <i>Li.</i> <i>xs.</i>
It'm the xxvij. daye paied to King the hosier for v. payer of hosen for Maister henry Knevet at <i>vs.</i> a payer	<i>xxv<i>ss.</i></i>
It'm the same daye (xxvij.) paid to the ij. kepers of Antyll parks in rewarde by the King's comandet ..	<i>xv<i>ss.</i></i>
It'm the xxix. daye paied to Robt. alee for the hire of x. men by the space of iij. days drawing the King's pondes in Antyll at <i>vijd.</i> a man ev'ry daye	<i>xx<i>ss.</i></i>
It'm the same daye paied to Lumfrey Raynezford removing wt the carte wt hounds from Antyll to Grafton	<i>ijs. iiijd.</i>
It'm the same daye (<i>i.e.</i> 29th August, 1532) paied to henry Byrde for making prycks at Antyl and at Grafton by the King's Comannde- ment	<i>vjs. vijd.</i>

ELSTOW.

(EXTRACTS FROM NICHOLAS'S 'PRIVY PURSE EXPENSES
OF ELIZABETH OF YORK,' &c.)

September 1502.

It'm the same day (xijth) to John
Duffyn for his costes riding from
Woodstock to Antell by the Quene's
commanndement from Antell to
Thabbesse of Elstowe from Elstowe

to Herauld for a buk for the pro-
fessing of a nonne of Elstowe forsaid
and from thens to the courte to Sr.
Giles Brigges place by the space of
vij dayes at $xd.$ the day vs. $xd.$

August 1502.

It'm the iijth day of August delivered
to Thabbesse of Eluestowe by thands
of John Duffyn for the costes and
charges of litle Anne Loveday at
the making of hire nonne there .. vj*Li:* xiijs. iiijd.

Amongst the Receipts appears the following entry:—

“Here ensuen the Receiptes of Rychard Decons from
the xxiiijth. day of March Anno xvijmo. unto —.

Fee Farms,
Termino Pasche
Of the fee ferme of the towne of Bed-
ford. $xl.$ ”

J. G. R.

(EXTRACTS FROM MADDEN'S 'PRIVY PURSE EXPENSES OF
THE PRINCESS MARY.')

ELSTOW.—Mens' Decembr. A° xxix. H. viij., Page 48.
It'm geuen to the Abbesse of Helstowe
s'u'nte* bringing Silk to my lades
grace vs.

DUNSTABLE.—Mens' Septembr. (1543).

It'm to crabtre for goyng to Dunstable
owin from Graftou to Dunstable .. xij*jd.*

* Servant.

It'm gevin to the kings boyes at Dunstable	vijs.	vjd.
It'm in reward gevin to officers of thowshold at Dunstable.	iiij <i>Li.</i>	
It'm reward gevin to the gard and other at Dunstable.	iiij <i>Li.</i>	xij <i>s.</i>
	Mens' Nou' (1543).	
It'm geuen to the prince mynstrels at Dunstable		xxv <i>s.</i>

AMPTHILL.—Mens' Septemb. 1543.

It'm gevin to the king's footmen at Ampthill a buck &	xs.	
It'm to the quenes footmen the same tyme a buk &	vijs.	vjd.
It'm gevin to my lorde p'vy seall ser- vant for wayting of hir grace from the More to Ampthill	cs.	
	Mens' Octobr'	
It'm geuen to my lady of Darby ser- vant comyng to Ampthill	vijs.	vjd.
It'm geuen to my lady Dormar ser- vant bringing chese to Ampthill ..	vs.	
It'm payed to mr. Chechester for his Costs sent from Ampthill to Asshe- rige to the prince grace for ij. Dayes	iijs.	iiij.
	Mens' Nou'	
It'm geuen to Besse Cressy † at her goeing from Ampthyll sycke	xs.	
It'm geuen to m ^t Mary mychaell at		

† This Besse Cressy appears to have been a Sempstress.

Ampthyll	xxs.
It'm geuen to m ^t Nurce servant comyng to Ampthill to my lades grace	vijs. vjd.
It'm delyu'ed unto Besse Cressy at the King's comyng from Ampthill	vs.
It'm geuen to Twinebrockes of the Kechin the same Daye the Kings ma'tie. removed from Ampthill ..	vijd.
Mens' Decembr'	
It'm geuen to Bottone of Ampthill where Bessy Cressy whas syke....	vs.
It'm pd. for hir Costes from thens to Oking	xs. vjd.
	J. G. R.

DELINQUENTS' ESTATES.

A DUPLICATE OF THE SEVERAL DELINQUENTS' ESTATES
WHICH ARE DECIMATED WITHIN THE COUNTY OF BED-
FORD, A.D. 1655.

	£ s. d.
Richard Conquest of Houghton Conquest, Esqr.	120 00 00
Sir Thomas Leigh of Laighton Beuzard	135 00 00
Owen Brest of Rowney in Southill Parish, Esqr.	45 15 00
William Palmer of Hill, Esqr.	48 19 00
Francis Crawley of Luton, Esqr.	25 02 00
George Blundel of Cardington, Esqr.	11 00 00
Sir Lodowick Dier of Collweth, bart.	44 06 10
William Geery of Bushmead, Esqr.	50 00 00
John Russell of Wooburne, Esqr.	01 00 00

	£ s. d.
Edward Russell of the Same, Esqr.	50 00 00
Richard Farmor of Westning, Esqr.	12 00 00
Mr. Fettiplace of Little Barford	13 06 00
Mr. Hilsden of Hockley	09 10 00
Richard Taylor of Clopham, Esqr.	90 00 00
Henry Osburne of Chickson, Esqr.	10 00 00
Mr. Audley of Bigleswade	02 04 09
Sum Total	£668 06 11

(From "Thurloe State Papers," Vol. IV., p. 513.)

HENLOW.

LETTER OF WILLIAM BEDFORD.—"Mr. William Bedford to Secretary Thurloe. May it please your Honor,—Haveing sett on foote an humble address to his highnesse in our country, which I doubt not but will be signed by the generality, I have taken the boldnesse to send you a copy of it here inclosed. It was at our generall quarter sessions agreed unto by the whole bench: wee sent to the Corporation to joyne with us, or to send by themselves, which they resolve to doe—Capt. Wagstaffe, myselfe, and another gentleman are to present it about the beginning of the tearme, hopeing by that to get our copyes returned from all parts of the country. I finde the country generally very well satisfied in his late highnesses disposall and noe regrett towards the old family. The Cavaleeres with us very quiett, and much dasht att his highnesses peaceable entrance, and also does not seme to have the least hopea. They were much afraid least they should have been secured agayne. Sir I humbly beg your pardon for this

boldnesse I shall pray the Lord to perfect his mercy in your recovery and remayne—Your Honor's most faithfull Servant W. BEDFORD. Henloe, in Bedfordshire, 12th October, 1658.

“Sir if it bee not too much confidence in me to put you to such a trouble, I beg of you that if others, who stood in such a relation of office as I did, bee put in the list of mourners att the funerall of his late highnesse, you would remember me as an old servant and officer.” (*Ibid.*, Vol. VII., p. 438.)

J. G. R.

A CHRONOLOGICAL LIST OF THE SHERIFFS OF BEDFORDSHIRE.

Those from 17 Q. Eliz. to 22 Car. I. are taken from Fuller's *Worthies of England*. Previous to the year 1574 the counties of Bedford and Bucks. were united under one Shrievalty, and the names of those sheriffs who exercised jurisdiction over the two counties may be found in Lipscombe's *History of Bucks.* and in Berry's *County Genealogies*. Mr. W. Marsh Harvey, in his *History and Antiquities of the Wiley Hundred*, has also published a list of sheriffs from 1574 to 1878, but as this work is an expensive one and therefore not easily accessible, I think the following lists (transcribed by Mr. J. G. Raynes from MSS. in the British Museum) may prove interesting to readers of this publication.

F. A. B.

ANNO. REG: ELIZAB:

16. (Ralph Astry Esq., Harlington).
17. Ge. Rotheram Esq., Farley. Vert 3 Roebucks tripping or, a Baston Gul.
18. Joh. Barnardeston, Sewelbury. G. a Salter Engrailed Arg.

19. Ge. Kenesham, Tempsford.
20. Joh. Spencer Esq., Cople.
21. Nich. Luke Esq., Woodend. Ar. a Bugle horn S.
22. Hen. Butler Esq., Biddenha' G. a fesse checkee Ar. & S. betw. 6 Cross-crosslets Ar.
23. John Thompson Esq., Crawley.
24. Ric. Conquest Esq., Houghton. Q. ar. & S. a label with 3 points.
25. Lodo. Dive Esq., Brumham. Parte per pale ar. et G. a Fess Az. of the field.
26. { John Rowe Esq. (of Clapham).
 { Ric. Charnock, Esq., Holcot. Ar. on a bend S. 3 crosses-crosslet.
27. Oliv. St. John Esq., Ar. on a Chief G. 2 Mullets Or.
28. Ric. Charnock Esq., ut prius.
29. Will. Butler Esq., ut prius.
30. Rad. Astry Esq., Westoning. Barry wavee of six Ar. & Az. on a chief G. 3 Bezants.
31. Oliv. St. John Esq., ut prius.
32. Ge. Rotheram Esq., ut prius.
33. Xpr. Hoddeson Esq. (*Leighton Beaudeſert*).
34. Will. Duncombe Esq., Battlesden. Party per chev. Counter-Flore G. & arg. 3 Talbot's heads erazed counterchanged.
35. Nich. Luke Esq., ut prius.
36. Joh. Dive Esq., ut prius.
37. Will. Gostwick Esq., Willingto'. Arg. a Bend G. cottized S. 'twixt 6 Cornish chaughes proper on a chief or 3 Mullets Vert.
38. Ric. Conquest Esq., ut prius.
39. Tho. Cheney Esq., Sundon.
40. Edw. Ratcliffe Kt., Elstow. Arg. a Bend Engrailed S.

41. Will. Butler Esq., ut prius.
42. Joh. Croft Kt.
43. Ric. Charnock Esq., ut prius.
44. Geo. Francklyn, Malvern (*Maverne in Bolnhurst*).
45. John Dyve Kt., ut prius.

JAC: REX.

Anno.

1. Joh. Dive Kt., ut prius.
2. Joh. Leigh Esq. (*Leighton Beaudesert*).
3. Edw. Sands Kt., Eaton (-Bray).
4. Fran. Anderson Esq., Eworth. Arg. a Cheveron 'twixt 3 cross crosslets S.
5. Tho. Snagge Kt., Marson.
6. Edw. Mordant Esq., Ockley. Ar. a Chev. between 3 Estoyles S.
7. Tho. Ancell Esq., Barford. G. on a Saltire or betw. 4 Bezants a Mascel of the first.
8. Fran. Ventres Kt., Campton. Az. a lucie between 2 Bends wavy arg.
9. Rob. Sandy Esq. (*Robert Napier, Knt., Luton Hoo*).
10. Wil. Beecher Esq., Hooberry.
11. Ric. Sanders Esq., Marson. Parte per Ch. Ar. & S. 3 Elephants' heads erased counterchanged.
12. Edw. Duncombe Esq., ut prius.
13. Will. Plomer Esq., Holme. Vert a ch. between 3 Lions' heads erased Or Billed G.
14. Rog. Burgoyne, Sutton. G. a chev. Or between 3 Talbots' heads on Chief Embattled Arg. as many martlets S.
15. Oliv. Luke Kt., ut prius.
16. Edw. Conquest Kt., ut prius.
17. Ge. Keynsham Esq.

18. Fran. Stanton Esq., Birchmor.
19. Will. Bryers Esq., Woodbury (*or Upberry in Pollow-hill*).
20. Will. Hawkins Esq., Tilbrook.
21. Fran. Clerke Kt. (*of The Grove, in Houghton Conquest*).
22. Math. Denton Esq., Barton.

CAR: I. REX.

Anno.

1. Joh. Wingate Esq., Harlingto'. S. a Bend Erm.
Cotized or betw. 6 Martlets arg.
2. Edw. Gostwick Kt., ut prius.
3. Joh. Moore Esq.
4. Anth. Chester (*of Litlington*). Per Pale Ar. & S. a chev. betw. 3 rams' heads erased armed or, within a border ingrailed roundly, all counterchanged.
5. Mich. Grigg Esq. (*of Dunstable*).
6. Will. Cater Esq., Kempston. Ermin. a Pile G. a Lion Pass. Gard. Or.
7. Edm. Anderson, ut prius.
8. Ja. Beverley Esq., Clapwell. Ermine a Rose gules.
9. O. Winch Esq., Everton.
10. Hum. Monoux Esq., Wootton.
11. Rich. Gery Esq., Bushmede.
12. Hen. Chester Esq., ut prius.
13. Will. Boteller Esq., ut prius.
14. Will. Plomer Esq., ut prius.
15. Rich. Child Esq., Puddingto'. G. a Chev. engrailed Erm. 'twixt 3 Doves Arg.
16. Joh. Burgoyne Esq., ut prius.
17. Tho. Alston Kt., b. Wodhill. Azure ten stars Or.
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19. (*Humphrey Fyche (Fyshe), Esq., of Ickwell Green*).

20. Nich. Denton Esq.
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 22. Math. Taylor Esq., Eaton (*Socon*).

(*The following Lists are transcribed from Add. MS. 5832, no. 183, in the British Museum.*)

CHARLES I.

1647.—23.—Wm. Allen, Esq., of Goldington.
 1648.—24.—Wm. Duncombe Esq., of Battlesden.

CHARLES II.

1649.—1.—Robert Lovet, of Liscombe, in Bucks.
 1650.—2.—Wm. Bryers, Knt., of Woodbery.
 1651.—3.—Tho. Bromsall, of Blunham.
 1652.—4.—John Huxley, of Eaton Bray.
 1653.—5.—Henry Pigot, of Stratton.
 1654.—6.—Robert Staunton, of Birchmore.
 1655.—7.—
 1656.—8.—(*John Wells, Esq., of Heath*).
 1657.—9.—
 1658.—10.—
 1659.—11.—
 1660.—12.—(*John Wells, Esq.*)
 1661.—13.—(*Edmund Wyld, Esq., of the Grove, in Houghton Conquest*).
 1662.—14.—(*George Wynne, Esq.*)
 1663.—15.—
 1664.—16.—
 1665.—17.—Tho. Snagge, of Milbroke, Esq., or Marston Morteyn.
 1666.—18.—John Huxley, Knt., of Eaton Bray. Erm : on a bend cot. G. 3 annulets A.

1667.—19.—Hen. Massingberd, Bart., of Braytoft Linc. B. 3 Quarterfoils O, on a chf. O, a Boar pas^t B. on his shoulder a cross patee G.

1668.—20.— . . . Delanoy, or Delawney, Esq.

1669.—21.—Ralph Bovey, Bart., Longstow Cambs^h and Wardon Abbey.—V. 3 Bows in Pale or.

1670.—22.—Ric. Wagstaffe, Esq., of Ravensdon. A. 2 bends eng.: the lowest rebated at the Top S.

1671.—23.—Hen. Brandreth, Esq., Houghton Regis, P. pale O & S. a chevron int. 3 Escallops Co'ch'd.

1672.—24.—Tho. Bromsall, of Blunham. B. a Lion ramp't. O.

1673.—25.—Matthew Dennis, Esq., Kempston. G. a bend engr. A.

1674.—26.—Rob. Bell, Esq., of Bedford.

1675.—27.—Sam. Reynardson, of Pulloxhill and Halingdon, in Midx. O. 2 chevrons, engr. G., on a Canton G. a Mascle A.

1676.—28.—John Arnold, of Ampthill. (Mr. Smith of Wodeston calls him Thomas).

1677.—29.—Saml. Reynardson, Esq., ut prius.

1678.—30.—Tho. Snagg, Esq., ut prius.

1679.—31.—Wm. Gostwick, Bart., of Willington. A. a bend G. cot. S. between 6 Cornish Choughs ppr., on a ch' O. 3 Mullets V.

1680.—32.—Villiers Chernock, Bart., of Holcote. A. on a bend S. 3 cross-crosslets A.

1681.—33.—Geo. Abbot, Esq., of Steppingley Park.

1682.—34.—James Astry, Esq., afterwards Knt., of Westning. Barry wavy of 6 A. and B. on a ch' G. 3 Bezants.

1683.—35.—Wm. Daniel, Esq., Newbury in Silso and Flitton.

JAMES II.

1684.—1.—Humphrey Fyshe, Esq., Ickwell Green, in Northill. O. a Fesse G. on it a bend S. and on it 5 Mulletts A.

1685.—2.—Tho. Halfpenny, Esq., Faldoe (*in Higham Gobion*).

1686.—3.—John Crosse, Esq., Bramingham. Qrly. B. and A. in the 1 & 4 Qrs. a cross Moline A.

1687.—4.—John Wagstaffe, Esq., ut prius.

W^M AND MARY.

1688.—1.—Ralph Bromsall, Esq., ut prius.

1689.—2.—James Cater, Esq., Kempston. Erm. on a Pile G. a Li : pa : gu : O.

1690.—3.—Wm. Boteler, Esq., Bidenham. G. a Fesse chec. A. & S. int 6 cross-crosslets A.

1691.—4.—John Neale, Esq., Nether Deane, in Over Deane.

1692.—5.—Sam. Thompson, Knt., Wotton.

1693.—6.—John Eston, Esq.

1694.—7.—Steph. Anderson, Bart., Eyeworth.

1695.—8.—Wm. Miller (*Millard*), Knt., Houghton Regis, Married his Mistress to whom he was coachman.

1696.—9.—Rob. Bell, Esq., ut prius.

1697.—10.—John Spencer, Esq., of Cowpall.

1698.—11.—John de la Fontaine, Esq.

1699.—12.—John Burgoyne, Bart., Sutton. G. a chevron O. int. 3 Talbots, on a ch' embat. A. 3 martlets S.

1700.—13.—Wm. Hillersden, Esq., Elstow and Colmeworth. A. on a chevron S. 3 bulls' heads cab. A.

ANNE.

1701.—1.—Tho. Bromsall, Esq., Roxton.

1702.—2.—Tho. Johnson, Esq., Milton Bryant. A. on a Pile B. 3 Griff. hds. er. A.

1703.—3.—Sam. Ongley, Esq., after a Knt., Old Warden. A. 3 Piles in Point G., on a Cant. B. the Sun in its meridian ppr.

1704.—4.—Edw. Duncombe, Esq., Battlesden, now Yorkshire.

1705.—5.—Edw. Snagge, Esq., Marston Morteyne.

1706.—6.—John Huxley, Esq., ut prius.

1707.—7.—John Clarke, Esq., Ridgmont.

1708.—8.—John Wright, Esq., Knotting.

1709.—9.—Wm. Chewe, Esq., Dunstable.

1710.—10.—Ralph Bromsall, Esq., ob. and Wm. Nicholls, Esq., succeeded.

1711.—11.—John Vaux, Esq., Whipsnade.

1712.—12.—Tho. Emerton, Esq., Albury, Co. Hertford.

1713.—13.—Tho. Boswell, Esq., Over Deane.

GEORGE I.

1714.—1.—Tho. Bromsal, Esq., ut prius.

1715.—2.—John Livesey, Esq., Pudington.

1716.—3.—Theophilus Napier, Bart., Luton. A. a saltire int. 4 Cinquefoils G.

1717.—4.—Wm. Smyth, Knt., Old Wardon. G. on a chevron int. 3 (crosses) patè fichè A. 3 Fleurs-de-lis B.

1718.—5.—Nicholas Luke, Esq., Woodend. A. a Bugle Horn S.

1719.—6.—Rob. Hynde, Esq., Wotton.

1720.—7.—Ric. Orlebar, Esq., Hinwick House, in
Pudington.

1721.—8.—Henry Brandreth, Esq., ut prius.

1722.—9.—Robert Abbot, Esq., Steppingley.

1723.—10.—Tho. Ayncombe, Esq., Whipsnade.

1724.—11.—Tho. Garth, Esq., Harold.

1725.—12.—Joseph Johnson, Esq., ut prius.

1726.—13.—Theophilus Dillington, Esq., Shelton.

GEORGE II.

1727.—1.—Wm. Coleman, Esq., Cranfeld, Coleman of
Suffolk. A. on a Pale radiant rayonneè O. a Li : ra : G.

1728.—2.—Benj. Rhodes, Esq., Flitwick.

1729.—3.—John Napier, Bart., ut prius.

1730.—4.—Wm. Lambe, Esq., Farnish & Welling-
borough, Co. Northton.

1731.—5.—Geo. Blundell, Esq., Cardington Manor. A.
10 Billets 4. 3. 2. 1. O, on a Cant. O. a raven ppr.

1732.—6.—Edw. Morgan, Esq., Cardington.

1733.—7.—Hillersden Franke, Esq., Hethe, in Leighton
Bozard.

1734.—8.—Tho. Grome, Esq., Keysoe, Dunstable.

1735.—9.—John Crawley, Esq., Caddington, Stockwood.
O. on a fesse G. int. 3 Storks, 3 cross-crosslets.

1736.—10.—Francis Jessop, Esq., Bedford.

1737.—11.—David Guilliaume, Tingreth.

1738.—12.—Oliver Edwards, Esq., Cardington, Citizen
of London.

1739.—13.—John Franklin, Esq., Gr. Barford. A. on
a bend B. 3 Dolphins naiant A.

1740.—14.—John White, Esq., Hoo Green, in Step-
plingley.

1741.—15.—John Lawson, junr., Esq., Barton. P. pale A. & S. a chevron co'ch'd. in the dextr. ch' an escallop G.
 1742.—16.—John Miller, junr., Esq., Dunstable.
 1743.—17.—Hamond Crosse, Esq., Westoning.
 1744.—18.—Ric. Bell, Esq., Bedford.
 1745.—19.—Robert Ashwell, Esq., Leighton Buzzard.
 1746.—20.—Wm. Gery, Esq., Bushmede House.
 1747.—21.—John Hill, Esq., Bedford.
 1748.—22.—Tho. Crawley, M.B., Dunstable.
 1749.—23.—Tho. Cave, Bedford, Merchant.
 1750.—24.—Harry Johnson, Milton Brian.
 1751.—25.—Tho. Gilpin, Hoclif, Goldsmith in London.
 1752.—26.—Francis Herne, Esq., Luton.
 1753.—27.—David James, Esq., Ampthill. Semé de 5 foils & a Li. rampt. Father R^r of Woughton Bucks.
 1754.—28.—Tho. Vaux, Whipsnade.
 1755.—29.—James Smith, Streatley.
 1756.—30—John Capon, Leighton Bozard. “He is now, 1763, a Builder and Auctioneer.”

J. G. R.

Note.—The numbers preceding the names refer to the years of each reign. The words within parentheses and in italics are supplied from Mr. Harrey's Willey Hundred).

A LIST OF BEDFORDSHIRE KNIGHTS.*

Knights made—

At ye Charterhouse, May 11, 1603. Sr. Oliver Luke.
 At Sr. John Fortescue's, June, 1603. Sr. John Dives,
 Sr. Thomas Snagg, Sr. Edmond Conquest.

* Transcribed from “Warburton and Pomfret's Genealogical Collections for the County of Bedford; *Lansdowne MS.* 887, in B. M.—ED.

At Sr. George Farmour's, July, 1603. Sr. Richd. Conquest.

At White Hall, 3 May, 1607. Sr. Edward Gostwick.

At White Hall, 27 May, 1607. Sr. Richard Conquest.

At Bletsho, July, 1608. Sr. Alexander St. John.

At White Hall, Jan: 7, 1610. Sr. Peter Osborne.

At Hounslow, 21 July, 1612. Sr. Robert Napper al's Sandy, Baronet.

At White Hall, 10 March, 1616. Sr. George Blundell.

At Bletshoe, July 24, 1619. Sr. Henry St. John, Sr. Beauchamp St. John.

At Kirkby, July 27, 1619. Sr. Wm. Beecher, Sr. Robt. Charnock.

At White Hall, 19 April, 1620. Sr. Lewis Dives.

At Ampthill, 21 July, 1621. Sr. Wm. Crawford.*

At Bletshoe, 24 July, 1621. Sr. Francis Stanton.

At White Hall, 30 Apr. 1622. Sr. Robert Napper, Junior.

At Houghton Lodge, 20 July, 1624. Sr. Samuel Luke.

In ye way between Bletshoe and Castle Ashby. Sr. Fran: Clerke de Houghton Conquest, High Sheriff of Bedfordshire.

KNIGHTS MADE BY CHAR: 1ST.

At White Hall, 29 April, 1627. Sr. Wm. Bryers, of Pulloxhill.

At Ampthill, 22 July, 1627. Sr. Geo: Russel de Rougemont.

At Ampthill, 23 July, 1627. Sr. Henry Austry de Woodend.

* This name should be "Crayford."

At Theobald's, 19 Decem: 1628. Sr. William Ashton of Tingreth.

At White Hall, 1 Jan: 1628. Sr. John Bracking of Eaton.

At White Hall, Nov: 4, 1632. Sr. Francis Crawley of Luton, Judge.

At Windsor, by Charles Prince of Wales May 20, 1638. Thomas, Earl of Elgin.

At White Hall, July 4, 1641. Sr. Wm. Boteler of Biddenham.

1641. July 18, Sr. Roger Burgoine of Sutton.

1641. Aug. 9, Sr. John Rolt of Milton.

Date ignota, Sr. John Duncombe of Battlesden.*

CHARLES II.

1660. July 11, Sr. James Beaverley, of Beyneney, Co: Bedf.

1660. July 16, Sr. Christopher Turner of Milton Erneys, one of the Barons of the Exchequer.

1660. Oct. 20, Sr. Henry Piggot of Nether Gravenhurst.

1660. Nov. 6, Sr. Edward Cater of Kempston.

1660. Nov. 16, Sr. Wm. Beacher of Howberry.

1660. Dec. 4, Sr. Samuel Browne of Arlesey one of the Justices of the Common Pleas.

1661. Ap. 17, Sr. Geo: Blundell, of Cardington.

1661. Dec. 22, Sr. John Moore, bro: of Sr. Hen: Moore of Fawley.

1661. Jan. 21, Sr. John Keling of Southill.

1662. Mch. 16, Sr. John Huxley of Eaton Park.

* He was knighted in 1648 by King Charles I. while a prisoner at Carisbrooke, cf. Wood's *Athen. Oxon.* Vol. IV. ii, Ed. Bliss.

1668. Nov. 24, Sr. Wm. Gostwick of Willington.
 1671. Ap. 30, Sr. Francis Wingate of Harlington.
 1678. Aug. 30, Sr. Wm. Franklin of Malverne.*
 1678. Nov. 28, Sr. Wm. Millard of Houghton Regis.
 1679. Oct. 20, Sr. John Keling of Sonthill.
 1683. Nov. 20, Sr. James Astrey of Harlington.
 1700. Oct. 24, Sr. Thomas Bromsell.
 1712. June 23, Sr. Sam'l Ongley of Warden.
 1715-16 . . . , Sr. George Bing of Southill, Bart.,
 Sr. Wm. Smith of Warden.

F. A. B

A LIST OF BEDFORDSHIRE GENTRY OF THE
 XVIITH CENTURY.

A Catalogue of the names of Gentlemen of Quality that
 have sold their Estates and are Quite gone out of Bedford-
 shire within lesse than the space of 50 years & a known
 truth by Sr. Robt. Chernocke of Hullcott.

Mr. Abbiss of Stotfold.
 " Ackworth of Limberry in Luton.
 " Allen of Moggerhanger.
 " Ansell of Barford.
 " Ardds of Renhold.
 Sir Wm. Ashen of Tingrith.
 Mr. Astrey of Northill.
 " Audley of Houghton Conquest.
 " Berry of Cranfeild.
 Sir James Beverley of Clophill.
 Mr. Blofeild of Flitwick.

* Maverna, in the parish of Bolnhurst.

Lord Boteler of Higham Gubbin.
 Mr. Bray of Wootton.
 Sir Wm. Bryers of Pulloxhill.
 Mr. Button of Wootton.
 Lord Capel of Warden Abbey.
 Mr. Catesbye of Roxhill Mannor.
 „ Cator of Renhold.
 „ Chase of Milton Ernesse.
 „ Geo. Cheyne of Stopsley.
 Lord Cheyne of Toddington.
 Mr. Child of Wimmitton.
 Sir Richd. Chetwood of Odhill.
 Mr. Clerk of Wootton Pilling.
 Sir ffra : Clerke of Houghton Conquest.
 The Earle of Cleaveland.
 Mr. Geo : Conquest of Houghton Park.
 „ Sam : Cotton of Hinwick Hall.
 Sir Wm. Crawford of Beckering Park.
 „ John Crofts of upberry (*Upbury*).
 „ John Crofts of Toddington.
 Mr. Delaune of Roxton.
 „ Duncombe of Lidlington Park.
 „ Eades of Seawell (*Sewell*).
 „ Richd. Edwards of Henlow.
 „ Emery of Arlesey.
 „ Estwick of Wootton Woodend.
 „ ffarrer of Harrold.
 Sir John fferris of Caddington.
 „ Edwd. ffish of Southill.
 „ Wm. ffish of Carleton.
 Mr. ffitzgeoffery of Crecors.
 Sir John ffitzwilliams of Kempston.

Mr. Tho: fowler of Tillsworth.

- ,, Philly Garroway of Tingrith.
- ,, Gascoyn of Carrington.
- ,, Gostwick of Marston.
- ,, Grey of Segenho.
- ,, Grigg of Dunstable.
- ,, Hale of Stotfold.
- ,, Harding of Aspley.

Sir Gerard Harvey of ffenlake.

Mr. Hawkins of Tillbrooke.

- ,, Hewit of Millbrook.
- ,, Hinton of Eversholt.
- ,, Iremonger of Stanbridge.
- ,, Jakeman of Billington.
- ,, Johnson Brockborough Park.
- ,, Kempson of Tempsford.

**5 Earles of Kent died without Issue only this sixth
remaines.**

Mr. Langford of Salford.

Sir Tho: (now Ld.) Leigh of Leighton.

Mr. Ley of Caudwell by Bedford.

- ,, Lillingston of Lidlington Towne.
- ,, Lovett of Elstow.
- ,, Marlborough (*Marburie*) of Warden.
- ,, Michael of Totternhoe.
- ,, Middleton of Brocksborough.
- ,, Moore of Leighton.

Sir St. John Moore.

- ,, Cha: Mordaunt of Oakeley.

Mr. Nicholls of Ampthill Great Park.

- ,, Norton of Sharpenhoe.

Sir Robt. Nudigate of Hawnes.

Mr. Paine of Puddington.
 „ Palmer of the Great Park.
 „ Paradine of Bedford.
 „ Piggot of Gravenhurst.
 Sir Wm. Plummer of Hill.
 Mr. John Potts of Chalgrave.
 Sir Edwd. Ratcliffe of Elstow.
 Mr. Ravens of Henlow.
 „ Rolt of Clifton.
 „ Rookes of Clifton.
 Sir John Rotheram of Luton.
 „ George Russell of Ridgemont.
 Mr. Sadler of Aspley.
 Sir Beauchamp St. John of Tillbrooke.
 Golden [? Edwin] Sandys of Eaton Bray.
 Sir Arthur Savage of Carrington.
 Mr. Shepherd of Malden.
 „ Ralph Snag of Kempston.
 „ Spicers of Marston.
 „ Robt. Staunton of Beckerings.
 „ Taylor of Steventon.
 Sir Tho : Tirringham of Hinwick Hall.
 „ Nicholas Trott of Eaton Bray.
 Mr. Vites of Pulloxhill.
 „ Waller of Knotting.
 „ Watson of Little Park.
 „ Waverer of Clapham.
 Sir Humphrey Winch of Everton.
 Mr. Wingate of Wootton.
 „ Geo. Wyant of Moggerhanger.

This list was taken in february 1667.

feb : 14th 1667 was taken a List of the Gentleman now Remaining :—

- Sir Tho : Alston of Odhill.
- Mr. Stephen Anderson of Eyworth.
- „ Astrey of Harlington.
- Sir Wm. Beecher of Hooberry.
- „ Geo. Blundell of Carrington.
- 17. Mr. Boteler of Biddenham.
- 15. „ Bromsall of Biggleswade.
- Sir Sam : Brown, a Judge of the Com'on Pleas.
- „ Roger Burgoyne of Sutton.
- 25. Mr. Cary of Everton.
- Sir Edward Cater of Kempston.
- „ St. John Chernocke of Hulcott.
- „ Anthony Chester of Lidlington.
- 6. Mr. Cheyne of Bramingham.
- 7. „ Cheyne of Sundon.
- „ Cockaine of Cockaine Hatley.
- 9. „ Conquest of Houghton Conquest.
- 26. „ Ben : Conquest Esq. of Hawnes.
- „ Coppin of Market sell, now [of] Pulloxhill.
- 27. „ Cotton of Hinwick Hall, now Mr. Livesay's.
- Sir John Cotton of Stratton.
- 24. Mr. Daniel of Silsoe.
- „ Davies of Goldington.
- „ Dennis of Kempston.
- „ Denton of Barton.
- 3. Sir Lewis Dives of Bromham.
- 18. Mr. Dodsworth of Ridgemont.
- 1. Sir John Duncombe of Battlesden
- 4. „ Lodwick Dyer of Colmworth.

Mr. Edwards of Arlesey.
 „ fish of Ickwell.
 16. „ franklin of Malvern.
 2. Sir Edwd. Gostwick of Willington.
 Mr. Granger of Shidlington.
 20. „ Halfpenny of —
 „ Harvey of Ickwell.
 19. „ Harvey of Thurleigh.
 21. „ Hide of —
 „ Hillersden of Elstow.
 Sir John Huxley of Eaton.
 Mr. Johnson of Milton Bryan.
 5. Sir John Keiling Ld. Cheife Justice of Kings B.
 Mr. Leigh of Leighton.
 Sir Sam : Luke of Cople Woodend.
 „ Humphrey Monoux of Wootton.
 „ John Napier of Luton.
 Mr. Orlebarr of Harrold.
 „ Osborn of Chicksand.
 Sir Wm. Palmer of Hill.
 * „ Wm. Palmer of Warden.
 Mr. Rolt of Milton Ernys.
 12. „ Saunders of Marston.
 22. „ Simcotts of Clifton.
 „ Snagg of Marston Park.
 29. „ Spencer of Cople.
 23. „ Squire of Eaton Socon.
 8. „ Stanton of Woburn.
 28. Captn. Stone of Brockborough.
 10. Mr. Stone of Ridgemont.

* Query if these two are not identical.

13. Mr. Taylor of Clapham.
 11. , Thomson of Crawley.
 ,, Vaux of Whipsnade.
 ,, Ventris of Campton.
 14. , Wells of Heath & Reach.
 ,, Wingate of Harlington.

The following have sold their Estates since the list was taken by Sr. Robert Chernocke, & they are now in the Possession of those Persons I have sett agt them in the following List, viz.:—

*Sir John Duncombe to Sir Gregory Page.
 , Edward Gostwick to the Duchess of Marlborough.
 , Lewis Dives to Lord Trevor.
 , Lodwick Dyer to Mr. Rich^d Hillersden.
 , John Keiling to Lord Torrington.
 Mr. Cheyne of Brammingham to Mr. Crosse a Brewer.
 , Cheyne of Sundon to Wm. Clayton Esq.
 , Stanton of Wooborn to Sir Gilbert Pickering's Lady.
 , Stone of Ridgemont to Ralph Ratcliffe Esq.
 , Thomson of Crawley to Mr. Williamson.
 , Saunders of Marston to
 , Taylor of Clapham to Lord Ashburnham.

* It was Edward, eld. s. of William Duncomb, by Jane, only da. of Frederick, Lord Cornwallis, who sold the Battlesden Estates, &c., to Dame Frances Bathurst, and Allen Bathurst, Esq. (afterwards Lord Bathurst of Battleden), in 1706; and in 1724 the Bathurst family sold the same estates to Sir Gregory Page of Wricklemarsh, Bart., having first obtained a special Act of Parliament enabling them to do so. After a lapse of 160 years the above estates have again changed hands, having been sold by the representatives of Sir Gregory Page in January last to the Duke of Bedford.—ED.

Mr. Wells of Heath & Reach to
 „ Bromsall of Biggleswade to his Grand Daughter.
 „ Franklin of Malvern to
 „ Boteler of Biddenham to Lord Trevor.
 „ Dodsworth of Ridgemont to ffra: Lowe Esq.
 „ Harvey of Thurleigh to
 „ Hide to
 „ Simcots of Clifton to his Daughter.
 „ Squire of Eaton Socon to
 „ Daniel of Silsoe to Mr. Coghill.
 „ Cary of Everton to Mr. Astell a late S.S. Director.
 „ Ben : Conquest of Hawnes to Sir Pyn : Chernocke.
 „ Cotton of Hinwick Hall to Mr. Livesay.
 Captn Stone of Brockborough to the Duke of Bedford.
 Mr. Spencer of Cople to Mr. ffra: Brace D^{sc} Dowgr. of
 Marlborough.
 Edwd. Snagg Esq. of Marston to

(*The foregoing lists are transcribed from Warburton and Pomfret's Genealogical Collections for the County of Bedford—B.M., Lansd. MS. 887. The numerals before the names are so in the original. The only alteration I have made is that of arranging the names in alphabetical order to facilitate reference.—Ed.*)

SUNDON.—An interesting discovery has recently (March, 1882) been made in connection with this place which I will here chronicle. It appears that the Vicar, the Rev. G. H. Moxon had occasion to make some repairs in the floor of the Lady Chapel which forms the South Transept of the Parish Church. The floor is boarded

over and some of the boards being very rotten, one or two were removed, and in poking about in the loose rubble underneath the Vicar discovered an old vault which was only loosely covered over with a stone slab. A ladder and lights were procured and a descent was made into the vault which is about 10 feet square and contained but two coffins; these were covered with black velvet with handsome brass furniture, and attached to the lid of each coffin was a large brass plate 15 $\frac{3}{4}$ in. by 12 in. From rubbings which I took subsequently I am enabled to give the inscriptions, &c., which are as follows :—

On the furthest coffin—

THE MOST NOBLE AND RIGHT HONOURABLE
 LADY CHARLOTTE CLAYTON
 LATE CONSORT OF THE RIGHT HONBLE.
 WILLIAM LORD SUNDON
 ONE OF THE LORDS OF THE TREASURY.
 GENTLEWOMAN OF THE BED CHAMBER
 TO HER LATE MAJESTY QUEEN CAROLINE.
 DIED JANRY. YE 1ST 174 $\frac{1}{2}$. AGED 63 YEARS.

This is surmounted by a shield of arms over which is a coronet, and underneath is this motto,—

PROBITATEM QUAM DIVITIAS.

The shield is supported by two griffins.

The arms are :—Argent a cross engrailed sable between four torteaux, SUNDON; impaling—Gules a fesse dancettée or between three escallops argent, DYVE.

On the other coffin is this inscription :—

THE MOST NOBLE AND RIGHT HONOURABLE
WILLIAM CLAYTON LORD SUNDON
BARON SUNDON OF ARDAGH
IN THE KINGDOM OF IRELAND
AND MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT
FOR ST MAWES.

DIED APRIL 29TH, 1752, AGED 80.

The arms are the same as the above except that the coronet is surmounted by a knight's helmet over which is the crest—A dexter arm embowed, the hand grasping a dagger, the point to the dexter, all argent. The drawing of the heraldry, and also the mantling and engraving is very good.

On referring to the *History of the Willey Hundred*, I find that Lady Charlotte was daughter of John Dyve, by Frances, da. of Sir Robert Wolseley, of Wolseley, Co. Staff.; and granddaughter of Sir Lewis Dyve of Bromham, Knight.

The outer shells of the coffins are much decayed, exposing the lead coffin inside; these are also fractured and show the inner wooden shells. There are no inscriptions in the Chapel to indicate the place of burial, and the parish registers alone record the fact.

It is rather strange that the opening to the vault should have been left so insecurely fastened; it would almost seem to suggest that there was to be another body placed there, for which there is apparently sufficient room left. Lord Sundon, however, left no issue, and appears to have had no near relations, and I believe he died intestate. I would refer those who are interested in the matter to some interesting articles which have recently appeared in the

Luton Times, entitled "Sundon and its Memories. By a lover of the past."

F. A. B.

According to Burke's *Extinct and Dormant Peerage*, under "Clayton," Ralph Clayton, Esq., "descended, it is said, from the Claytons of Fulwood, co. Lancaster," had three sons, John, William, and Richard, and as many daughters. The posterity of the first son became extinct in the male line, in the third generation. The youngest son died unmarried. William, the second son, married Ann, daughter of John Huske, of Newmarket, and was the father of Lord Sundon, who was apparently an only child.*

In Le Neve's *Pedigrees of Knights* (published by the Harleian Society), p. 270, there is a short pedigree of Clayton, commencing with . . . Clayton, of Bulwick, co. Northampton, "carpenter or joyner, a poor man of no family," whose name is sometimes spelled Cleton (Orridge's *Citizens of London and their Rulers*, p. 145). His eldest son, Robert, sheriff of London, was knighted at Guildhall, 30 Oct. 1671. He was Lord Mayor in 1679-80, and died in 1707. This Sir Robert had a grant of the very arms and crest which were borne by Lord Sundon, and seems to have been in some way of kin to him. He had a brother named William, of Hambledon, co. Buckingham, whose son William was created a Baronet, 13 Jan. 1731-2, which dignity is still existing.

The following particulars respecting Lord Sundon are chiefly derived from Burke. As he lived about 80 years,

* [There was an elder son, John, Bapt. at Newmarket, 7th May, 1668, who died a. p. the 2nd Sept., 1691.—Ed.]

his birth must have been about 1672. In early life he was a clerk in the Treasury, and in 1716 deputy auditor of the Exchequer. He also held the important trust of being one of the managers of the Duke of Marlborough's estates during his Grace's absence from England, and in 1719 was chosen to represent the borough of Woodstock in the House of Commons. In 1727, and on at least one subsequent occasion, he was elected M.P. for Westminster. On 2 June, 1735, holding the same seat, and being one of the commissioners of the Treasury, he was elevated to the peerage of Ireland, as Baron Sundon, of Ardagh, co. Langford. He died without issue, 29th April, 1752, being at that time M.P. for St. Mawe's in Cornwall.

Charlotte his wife was daughter of John Dyve, or Dive, Esq., clerk of the Privy Council. A pedigree of her family will be found in Harvey's *History of the Willey Hundred*, after p. 44. This lady was a special favourite of Sarah, Duchess of Marlborough, through whose influence she attained a high position at Court, becoming eventually mistress of the robes to Queen Caroline, consort of George II. It was through the same influence that her husband was raised to the Irish peerage. Lady Sundon died 1 Jan., 1742.

I am informed that there remains in Sundon church a banner with the arms and crest of Buchanan, which appear to be as follows:—Or, a lion rampant sable, holding in his dexter paw an arrow, and in his sinister a bow, all proper, within a double tressure, flory, counter-flory, of the second. Crest: on a wreath, a sinister cubit-arm holding a bent bow, and over it an escroll with the motto, PAR SIT FORTVNA LABORI. These are apparently the arms of Buchanan of Drumhead. The crest is on the

sinister side of the shield. The banner is very much decayed. Lysons says that the manor of Sundon "was lately the property of Sir John Buchanan Riddell, bart., by inheritance from his uncle Mr. Buchanan, who purchased it of Lord Sundon's heirs." Sir John sold it, in 1803, to Mr. Cuthbert.

H. G.

Since writing the above I have discovered amongst the muniments of the Page-Turner family a pedigree of the Claytons, ancestors of Lord Sundon, differing in some particulars from Burke's account of the family. Having been compiled as evidence of title to the Sundon estates, it is presumably correct. The following is a verbatim copy of the pedigree as I transcribed it :—

RALPH CLAYTON the ancestor lived at Woodditton in the County of Cambridge and there married on 2^d July 1635 as appears by the Parish Register Book Mary Francis and by her had issue :—

- I. JOHN, Baptized 12 Oct^r 1636 at Woodditton as appears by the Parish Register. Which John married Mary Norgate and was buried at Woodditton 20th Sept^r 1683 and had issue by his said wife ROBERT, of Bottisham in Cambridge gent baptized at Woodditton afores^d the 9th August 1673 and who married at Duxford St John's in the County of [Cambridge] on the 27 February 1695 to Ann Jabram and was buried on the 15th May 1718 at Ramsey in the County of Huntingdon and left issue by his said wife :—
1. ROBERT, a Hatter in Southwark, baptized the 5th March 1696 at Duxford S Johns and who died without issue and was buried the 27th day of January 1742 in St George's Southwark.

2. WILLIAM, of Barton Mills Vinter, baptized the 15th March 1699 at Duxford St Johns and who married at Barton in Suffolk 24 June 1727 Sarah Short and was buried the 10 Aug. 1728 at Barton afs^d and left only issue—ELIZABETH who died an infant without issue and was buried 26 Ap^l 1735 at Barton afs^d.
3. JOHN, baptized the 13th of January 1705 at Bottisham in Cambridgeshire, died in his infancy and was buried the 29th May 1705.
4. JOHN, of St Bartholomew's the Less carpenter, also born at Bottisham afs^d the 20 Ap^l 1707 and who died without issue and was buried in St Bartholomew's Hospital 2^d April 1728.
5. ANN, born at Duxford St Johns July 16, 1698 married to Tompkinson Cooper.
6. ELIZABETH, born at Duxford St Johns M'ch 21st, 1702 married to W^m Cole.
7. FRANCES, born at Bugden baptized 15th Feb'y 1710 mar^d to Will^m Hale.
8. MARGARET, born at Bugden 15th Feb'y 1710 mar^d to Ja's Smyth.

II. WILLIAM of Newmarket, Brewer, baptized at Woodditton afores^d 25 April 1640 as app^s by the Parish Register and the Registry of whose marriage with Ann Husk is entered in the Register of marriages of the Church of Newmarket St Mary in Suffolk which was a Chapel of Ease in an Hamlet b'long^s to the Parish of Woodditton but has since been consolidated with Woodditton. The s^d William was buried at Newmarket All Saints in the

County of Cambridge the 14th day of Aug^t 1717
and had issue by the said Ann his wife.

1. JOHN, baptized in Newmarket S^t Mary 7th May 1668 and who died without issue and was buried at Newmarket the 2^d Sept^r 1691 as the Parish Registers there will evidence.
2. WILLIAM, baptized at Newmarket S^t Mary the 9th November 1671 as the Parish Register will evidence and who was afterwards created LORD SUNDON and died without issue the 27th April 1752.

III. AND several other children the Descendants of some of whom took out Letters of Administration to William late Lord Sundon and had distribution of his Personal Estate as his next of kin.

From papers in my possession it would seem that the Sundon estates belonged to a Wm. Byrche, who held them under a grant from the Crown, dated 25 August, 1545. Previous to this they appear to have belonged to the Scropes, one of whom, Roger le Scrope, and Baron Scrope, married Margaret, one of the daughters and coheirs of Robert, Lord Tiptoft. A pedigree of Byrch in *The Visitation of London*, Vol. I., p. 131 (pub. by the Harleian Society), describes this William Byrche as "Groome Porter to Henry 8 and ye Clarke of the Exchequer." In 1590 Thomas Cheyne acquired Sundon by purchase from Wm. Byrche, and in the following year Letters Patent were granted confirming the purchase. The Cheyne family held the property, and continued to reside at Sundon, for a period of 126 years when, in 1716, they sold it to William Clayton, afterwards Lord Sundon, who, dying

without issue in 1752, and intestate, the estates were inherited by his three nieces and co-heirs-at-law, *viz.*, Elizabeth, wife of Wm. Cole ; Frances, wife of Wm. Hale ; and Margaret Clayton, spinster. A few years later, in 1768, William Cole, and Elizabeth, his wife (late Margaret Clayton), sold the estates to Archibald Buchanan, of Hampstead, Esq., which sale was confirmed by Act of Parliament 9 George III. Archibald Buchanan appears to have died *cir.* 1772, as his will is dated 28 March, 1772. He married Jane, daur. of Robert Crichton, and left issue James and Rebecca. James Buchanan married and had issue. His eld. daur. and eventual heiress became the wife of Sir John Riddell, Bart., one of whose sons, Sir J. B. Riddell, in 1803 sold Sundon to a Mr. Cuthbert, from whom it was purchased in 1813 by the executors of Sir Gregory Osborne Page-Turner, Bart., deceased, in whose family it still remains.

BUCHANAN-RIDDELL FAMILY.—The following additional genealogical facts concerning this family are extracted from a Private Act of Parliament, dated 1790, in my possession.

JAMES BUCHANAN of Mark Lane, London, Merchant, married JANE, d. of ROBERT CRICHTON. She died Jan. 1782 ; will dated 20, Nov. 1780. By her he had issue a son,—

ARCHIBALD BUCHANAN of Sundon, died 1773, will dated 28th March 1772 ; and two daurs :—REBECCA, coheiress with her sister JANE who was the wife of SR. JOHN RIDDELL, BART., eldest surviving son of Sr. Walter Riddell in the county of Roxburgh. Sir John died 16th April 1768 leaving issue three sons, *viz.* :—

1. SIR WALTER RIDDELL ob. & p. 7th February 1784 aet: 17.
2. SIR JAMES BUCHANAN RIDDELL 2nd son, ob. Sept. 1783 *infra aetatem* & s. p. at Brunswick.
3. SIR JOHN BUCHANAN RIDDELL 3rd son. Of age 24th May 1790. This Sir John married in 1805 FRANCIS *eld: dau: of CHARLES, EARL OF ROMNEY* and died in 1819 leaving issue.

F. A. B.

EXTRACTS FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS OF SUNDON.*

These appear to have been very irregularly kept, and it would seem as if it was left to chance whether any entries were made at all. The oldest register is in a shocking state of decay, and many leaves are missing altogether; those that remain are so rotten from damp that it is difficult to decipher the writing, not to mention that the leaves will almost crumble away in one's hands. There is nothing legible before the year 1594. With a good deal of trouble I have been able to decipher the following entries relating to the principal families connected with the locality. I feel some satisfaction in having done this much, as I am confident that before very long even many of these will have become illegible, but had I time I should like to have transcribed the whole, or rather what remains, of the old register, and so place its contents beyond the reach of accident.

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15—. Dionis Cheyne was baptized
1592. ye Esquire

* Additions in [] are supplied from the "Bishop's Transcripts."
Words in italics are doubtful.

1595. Dorithea Cheny the Daughter of Thomas Cheny Esquire was baptised xijth of October.

1596. Robert Cheyne the son of Thomas Cheyne (was baptised) the xxvijth of October.

1598. Catherine Chenye the daughter of Thomas Cheny Esquire was baptized the last of March.

1592. son of Thomas Cheny Esquire was buried the xxijth of January.

1596. . . . ye daughter of Thomas Chenye esquire was buried the xxijth of Maye.

1599. ffrancis Cheney the sonne of Thomas Cheney of Braminger Esquire was baptized the xxixth day of October.

1602. Edmunde the sonne of John Hardinge was baptized the 15th day of August.

[1618. Frances the daughter of John Anderson baptized the 27th of May.]

1620. Anne the daughter of Richard Spicer [gent.] was baptized the xvijth day of Januari.

1622. Simon the son of Richard Spicer, gent., was baptized the 7th day of March. [Bur. 8th March.]

1624. Richard the son of Richard Spicer was baptized the xijth day of May.

1625. Elizabeth the daughter of Roberte Cheyne of Bramblehanger gent. was baptized the second day of September.

[1627. Anne the daughter of Robert Cheyne gent., was baptized the 17th of April.]

1627. Margaret the daughter of Richard Stone Esqr. was baptized the xxijth daye of Maye.

[1627. Thomas Norton yeoman was buried the 13th of September.]

1627. Mary the daughter of Matthew Harding was baptized Oct. —

1628. Anne daughter of Robert Cheyne gent. was baptized April 17.

1629. Thomas the sonne of Mr. Ralph Rotheram was baptized the xxijth of February.

1630. Robert the sonne of Robt. Cheyne gent. was baptized the xxvijth of June.

1630. Amye the daughter of Matthew Hardinge was baptized Jan. —

[1631. Francis Cheney gent., was buried the 31st of May.]

1631. Ann Rotheram daughter of George bapt. the 1 of November.

[1632. Elizabeth, d. of William Norton was baptized the 20th of May.]

1636. Willia' Cheney sonne of Tho : Cheney Esq. baptized May the 27th.

1637. Ann Cheney daughter of Tho : Cheney Esq. Bap. —1.

1639. Mary the dafter of Thomas Cheney esquire and Anne his (*sic.*) Mother was baptized the 2 of July.

1643. Annes the daughter of John Duncombe and — his wife was baptized Novemb. 17th.

1606. Willa' Godfrey ye son of a Londiner was buried the xxxth of Janii.

1612. Thomas Cheyne esquire buried the xjth day of September.

1615. ffrances Robinson son of John Robinson of Howend in the parish of Houghton Conquest was buried the 9 of June.

1622. Simon the sonne of Richard Spicer gent was buried the 8th day of May.

1631. Frances Cheyne of Lymbrey in the pish of Luton gent. was buried the last day of Maye.

1631. John Johnson, Clarke minister of Sundon buried the xxijth of October.

[1632. Ann daughter of Matthew Harding was buried the 29th of July.]

1632. Thomas Cheney buried the xiiiijth of September.

1638. Henry Coquin (? *Cokayne*) was buried the 13th of January.

1600. John Hardinge gent. and fracy Cheyne gentle were marryed the viijth of deceber.

1605. Richard Page, gent and martha [Kempe] were marryed the xxth day of January.

[1607. Thomas Bowstred and Jane Norton were married the 14th of November.]

1608. Samuell Bryan gent and Elizabeth, daughter to Thomas Cheyne esqr. maryed the xvth day of September.

1609. Phillip Acsell and Mabell Reisden married the iijth dai of febr.

1609. Thomas Reisden and Elizab: Ansell married the iijth daie of Febr.

1611. George Skullor: gentlema' and Mrs. Jane Cheyne were maried the xvijth day of Julie.

[1619. Samuel Norton and Elizabeth Peacock were married the 24th of October.]

1622. John Burre & Elizabeth Biggs were married the last day of October.

1625. Richard Stone Esq. and Dorothy Cheyne gent. were married the eleaventh day of August.

[1625. John King and Anne Norton were married the 26th of January.]

1653. William ffoster of Bedford gent. and Anne Wingate the daughter of John Wingate Esq. deceased of Harlington gent were married Septemb: 22th by John Lindall Doct^r of Divinity by vertue of a license from the Archdeacon.

1650. Robard Spiser borne the 10 of Jan. (*or Feb.*)

1654. Edward Spiser borne the 21 of agust.

1660. Johne Spiser borne the 2 of iune.

1660. Thomas Cheany deceased the 11 of agust.

1662. George Rotheram sonne of George Rotheram and of iean his wife born the 18 of iuly and was baptizied the 28 of agost.

1663. —ham son of George Rotheram was borne 28 February and was . . . same month.

1664. Mary Harding the wife of Willia' harding was buried the 24 day of february.

1664. Willia duncome and mary hobes was maryed the 18 december.

1665. George ye son of George Rateheram was baptizied Janu. ye 4.

1666. George Ratharren the sone of gorge Ratheram was Bered the 3rd of Nouember.

1666. Mrs. Mary Cheyne ye daughter of Tho : Cheyne Esqr. deceased & of Anne his wife was buried ye 3d of Octob.

1669. George *Reade* of Tebworth in ye parish of Chalgrave and Susan Chernocke, daughter of R . . . Chernock of ——*shill* was married ye 3 of June.

1669. Valentine Stafford of *Winchford* in ye parish of

Chalgrave and Mary Prentice of Tillsworth were married ye 1st of Octob.

1667. Thomas Ratharam the sonn of George Ratharam & of Jane his Wife wase baptised the 14th Daye of September.

1667. Edward the son of William Spicer & of Alse his wife was buried the first of february.

1668. Elzebth Robesson dafter of John Robesson and Elzebeth his wife Baptized the 28 of October.

1627. William Cheney son of William Cheney Elzebeth his wife Baptized the 14 of March.

1669. Henry Rotheram the son of George Rotheram and Jean his wife Baptized Novembr. 15th.

1670-1. Ralph Rotheram son of George Rotheram was baptized Feb: 16th.

1670-1. Mary Sherly daughter of Richard Sherley and Elizabeth his wife baptized March 2nd.

1672. John son of William Cheyne Esq., and Elizabeth his wife baptized June ye 28.

1672. ——am Cheyne Esq. was buried April 23.

1672. Thomas Wilford and Anne Cheyne were married Novemb: 25th.

1672. Francis Corbett buried feb: 28.

1673. Anne daughter of Thomas Wilford and Anne his wife was baptized Sept 27th.

1673. Jane, daughter of George Rotheram and Jane his wife was baptized Jan: 21.

1674-5. Elizabeth Hurst, gent. buried feb: 15.

1675. Mary Wilford daughter of Thomas Wilford and Anne his wife baptized Augst: 31.

1675. Anne Wilford wife of Thomas Wilford was

buried Septembr. 3rd.—non est mortale quod opto A : W :
1675.

1675. Richard Rotheram son of George Rotheram & Jean his mother bap: Jan. 18.

1677. Mr. William Cheyne was buried November 29.

1678. Thomas, son of Thomas Wilford & of Anne his second wife was born March 31 an baptiz'd Aprill 18.

1679. Anne, daughter of Thomas Wilford and of Anne his wife was born January 28, and was baptiz'd Febr: 3.

1682. Elizabeth Wilford was born October 24 and baptiz'd October 31.

1683. John holder other wayes Spicer buried October 12.

1683. Thomas *Wilford* Minister of Sundon was buried October ye 22th of which Affidavit was made October ye 25th before Sr. ffrancis Wingate of Harlington & brought & Registered ye 27th of October 1683.

1684. Ann Wilford buried January the 9.

H. Haughton erat inductus in ecclesiam Sondon Anno Domini 1684 p. A. Humphreys Rector de Barton, in agro Bedd.

1686. Elizabeth Conquest bur. Feb. ye 7.

1689. Thomas Clapwell (*or Chapwell*) in the Parish of flamsted and Susana Spicer of London weare maryed September ye 29.

16—. Francis Meredith buried . . .

1697. William the son of Henry Crofts and Sarah his wife buried April 5th.

1697. Thomas the son of Thomas Cheyne and Katherine his wife baptiz'd July 9th.

1697. William the son of George Rotherham and Jane his wife buried Aug. 18th.

§1697. Katherine Faldo the wife of Thomas Faldo Cler's of ye Parish Wymodeley in com Hertfd. buried 21 Jan.

1698. Sarah the daughter of Henry Crofts and Sarah his wife baptized Aug. 8th.

1698. Elizabeth the daughter of Thomas Cheyne Esqr. ann Katherine his wife baptized Nov. 5th.

1698. William Duncomb a quaker unfortunately made away with himself 15th Sept. allowed to be buryed in ye churchyard in an unusual part of it without ye service.

1699. Catherina the daughter of Tho. Cheney Esqr & Catherine his wife Baptized 10br. ye 6th.

1747. Thomas Newland & Eliz. Cook mar. by licence October ye 12.

1710. Mrs. Ampes Buried April 30th.

1713. Mr. Rathoram Buried Jann. 3.

1713. Mrs. Rathoram Buried March 19th.

1715. Mr. King Buried Feby 15th.

1720. Stevhen King a gentle Buried April 17th.

1741. Janewary ye 20 1741 bured my onerebl leady Sondon wif of welam cleaton my onarabel lord.

1744. Elizth. Conquest, widow buried may ye 3d.

1748. Elizth. wife of Thos. Newland buried June 26.

1748. James Rudd the son of John Rudd buried Decbr. 12.

1749. Burid Daniel the son of Daniel Black gentle June ye 14.

*1706. Catherine ye wife of Thomas Cheyne Esq., was buried December 10th.

1752. Buried The Right Honble. William Lord Sundon May ye 7th.

1755. Buried Tho. Newland, Gent: Febry. 10th.
 1755. Buried Francis Randle, Gentleman July 6th.
 1757. Tho: Dove signs as Vicar.
 1759. Buried Hugh Cook Gent: March ye 3d.
 1759. Bapd. Diana Davr: of John and Ann Staford
 Octr. 7.
 1781. James Hadow signs as Curate.
 1783. Baptized Emma, Daughter of Thomas Dicey
 Esqr. of Claybrook in Leicestershire by Anne his Wife
 June 30th 1783. She was born on Wednesday Jany: 1st
 of the same year.
 1784. Buried, Grace, wife of the Revd. Willm. Dutton
 July 26 aged 86.
 1784. Baptized, Clara, Daughter of Thomas Dicey Esqr.
 and Ann his Wife Octr. 21st.
 1786. Buried The Reverend William Dutton, Vicar of
 Sundon November 21st, aged 84.
 1788. James Hadow signs as Vicar.
 1789. Baptized. George John, Son of the Revd. James
 Hadow, vicar of this Parish, and Sarah his wife, Octr. 8th.
 1791. Baptized Sarah Susan, daughter of the Rev.
 James Hadow and Sarah his wife, June 26th.
 1793. Buried. James, son of the Rev. James Hadow
 and Sarah his Wife April 26th (Born on the 6th an
 privately Baptiz'd on the 23d of the same month).

The following epitaphs are all in the Chancel:—

Francis Corbett Gent., who dyed February
 ye 24th 167 $\frac{2}{3}$.

† Here lye the Bodies
of **THOMAS CHEYNE** Esq.
who departed this life
April 20th 1717.

Also

* **CATHERINE** his wife
who departed this life
December 13th 1706.

On the next are these arms:—

(Arg.) a fesse (gu) fretty (or), between three bulls' heads erased (sa., attired of the third), **KNIGHT**; impaling—(Gu.) five lozenges conjoined in fesse (erm.), **DENHAM**.

§ Here lies ye Body of **CATHERINE FALDO**
Daughter of **ARTHUR DENHAM** younger
son of **JOHN DENHAM** of Mount Hill in
Cornwall Bart. who was first married to
DAVID KNIGHT Citizen and Brewer of
LONDON by whom she had Δ jj children
Where of one **CATHERINE** wife of **THOMAS**
CHEYNE Esqr of this place lyes Here she
was afterwards married to the Revd^d
Mr FALDO of Biddenham in ye County
of Bedford. She died Janry ye 18th 1697
In the 56th year of her Age.

† Here lyeth | the body of | **ELIZABETH** Daughter | of
THOMAS | **CHEYNE** of Sundon | Esq. | and **CATHERINE** his

† Not recorded in the registers.

| wife | who died the 25 of | March 1700 aged one | year
and six | months.

† Here lyeth ye body of | Thomas ye 2d sonne of—
THOMAS CHEYNE of Sundon | Esq: & CATHERINE his
wife | he died ye 31 of december | 1701 | aged 7 months.

† Here lyeth | the body of | THOMAS | son of | Thomas
Cheyne Esqr | and Catherine his Wife | who departed this
life | Feb: the 12th | Ano 169 $\frac{1}{2}$ | being 6 months old.

F. A. B.

LEIGHTON BUZZARD.—The following cutting
from the *Leighton Buzzard Observer* may properly find a
place in these pages :—

DISCOVERY OF ANCIENT COINS.—On Saturday last (Nov. 26th, 1881), as workmen were engaged in digging near the foundations of the house in High-street lately occupied by Mr. Pledger, and now being converted into a shop for Mr. Haskins, they came upon a small earthen vessel, of globular shape, with conical top and flattened bottom, containing eleven silver coins dated more than 400 years back. The vessel was entirely closed, except that a small aperture had been left in it apparently for the purpose of inserting the pieces of money, which include one groat of the reign of Edward IV., two of the reign of Henry VII., four Edward III. groats, three silver pennies of the time of Edward III., and one other small piece of unknown date and value. The curious casket which contained these ancient coins was unfortunately broken by the workman's spade.

† Not recorded in the registers.

The material of which the vase is made is clay, of pale red colour, and glazed externally. The vase itself is about 4 inches in height, broader at the top than at the base, and the aperture for inserting the coins is a narrow slit, such as one usually sees in money boxes.

F. A. B.

JOHN BUNYAN.

The following licence, being the first of the kind granted after the Restoration, is printed in *The Sunday at Home*, 10 July, 1880, p. 442. The editor was indebted for it to the late Sir Charles Reed :—

Charles R. (sign manual).

Charles, by the grace of God, King of England, Scotland, France, and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, etc. To all Mayors, Bayliffs, Constables, and other our Officers and Ministers, Civil and Military, whom it may concern, Greeting. In pursuance of our Declaration of the 15th of March, 167 $\frac{1}{2}$, we have allowed, and we do hereby allow of a Room or Rooms in the house of George Hamnett [? Harnnett], at Bedford, to be a place for the use of such as do not conform to the Church of England, who are of the Perswasion commonly called Baptist, to meet and assemble in, in order to their public Worship and Devotion. And all and singular our Officers and Ministers, Ecclesiastical, Civil, and Military, whom it may concern, are to take notice hereof; and they and every of them are hereby strictly charged and required to hinder any tumult or disturbance, and to protect them in their said Meetings and Assemblies. Given at our Court at Whitehall, the 25th day of July, in the 24th year of our Reign, 1672.

By his Majesty's Command.

Arlington.

H. G.

In the *Eight Report of the Royal Commission on Historical Manuscripts*, p. 440, it is stated that amongst the archives of the Corporation of Leicester is a memorandum dated 6th Oct. 1672 of the exhibition by John Bunyan to the Mayor and Aldermen of Leicester of his licence to preach as "a congregational parson."—John Bunyan's licence bears date the 9th day of May, 1672, to teach as a congregational p'son being of that p'swasion in the house of Josias Roughhead in the towne of Bedford, or in any other place, roome, or house licensed by his Ma'tie. Memora'd, the said Bunnyon showed his licence to Mr Mayor; Mr. Avering, Mr. Freeman, and Mr. Browne, being then p'sent the VIth day of October 1672, being Sunday.—*Ed.*

The *Seventh Report of the Royal Commission on Historical Manuscripts* contains, on p. 102 of the Appendix, a notice of a document which it seems to me is of much interest in reference to John Bunyan. The gentleman engaged in preparing the calendars of the manuscripts in the repository of the House of Lords are dealing with the year 1660 and with the month of June in that year. The King had not yet been in England a month when, June 20, 1660, the inhabitants of Yeavelden [Yelden], like so many other persons at that time, approach the Upper House with their grievance touching matters of religion. They urge various complaints against William Dell, their rector, but it is only one of them that will occupy us on the present occasion. They allege that he "hath declared in the public congregation that he had rather hear a plain country man speak in the church that came from the plough than the best orthodox minister that was in the country; upon Christmas-day last (1659) one Bunyon of

Bedford, a tinker, was countenanced and suffered to speak in his pulpit to the congregation, and no orthodox minister did officiate in the church that day." The petition was referred to the Committee for Petitions, by whom it was dismissed on the 25th July, but of course the main subject of interest is the reference to John Bunyan. The biographers of the Great Dreamer speak of his position in life with a certain haziness which it is not easy to understand. Here we have distinct contemporary evidence, supplied by those to whom the fact was well known, that he was a tinker. We are in the habit of saying *ex nihilo, nihil fit*, but if the trade of a tinker be (I do not say it is) the "meanest and most despised in the land," then a great something come out of nothing. The lower the origin of a man, the fewer advantages he has; hence, so much the more wonderful and striking in every way is his rise to eminence. The mean origin of a great man is not something to be kept back, but to be truly and fairly stated, and no really great man ever yet was ashamed of his parentage and birth. Some of the statements in Chapter Sixth of the *Hero of Elstow* may be corrected by the document now under notice, and I shall be glad to hear of other authentic contemporary references to the preaching of Bunyan in Bedfordshire villages. It is quite possible to have no sympathy with his theological views, and yet to feel a hearty respect for his sincerity, and to take a genuine historical interest in all the details of his life. William Dell, the rector complained of, was a remarkable man in his way, and at a future time I may send you some notes respecting him.

B. H. B.

WINCH OF EVERTON.

In the *Bedfordshire Times* of the 30th Sept., in an article on Everton, there is a copy of a M.I. in Everton Church to Sir Humphrey Winch, which states that his body was brought down from London, where he died, and was buried in Everton Church. In G'Bryne's *Representative History of Great Britain and Ireland*, p. 74, I find it is stated that he was buried in Pembroke Hall Cloisters, Cambridge. I should be glad if any one who has access to the parish registers of Everton would kindly inform me if there is any entry of his burial there. He died on the 25th February, 1624. I should also be glad to know what relation, if any, Sir Humphrey Winch of Hawnes, Bart., was to the above. O'Bryne states erroneously that he died without issue; but he left, apparently, 2 daurs., coheires, viz :

Judith, who m. to Sir Humphrey Forster of Aldermaston, Bart., and

Rebecca, who m. to Sir Thomas Lawley, Bart.

F. A. B.

TODDINGTON.—A LIST OF BRIEFS.

In searching the old parish registers of Toddington I came across an unusually long list of briefs which I transcribed and now give *in extenso*. Briefs were letters patent issued by the Sovereign directing the collection of alms for special objects named in them. A reference to the list below will indicate the various purposes or objects for which they were issued; chiefly for the repair of churches, bridges, for losses by fire, shipwreck, &c. Unfortunately, though the idea of collecting money by means of briefs for

charitable purposes was to be commended from the catholicity of its principle, like many other good things it came to be so much abused that they were finally abolished in 1828, by Statute 9 Geo. IV. c. 28. Seven years previously an attempt had been made to reform the abuses but with little success. A correspondent to *Notes and Queries* states that they were sometimes charged upon the rates, nominal sums being frequently contributed. Though briefs are now a thing of the past our Prayer Book still retains the order to read them as may be seen in the rubric immediately preceding the offertory sentences. These lists which are occasionally found in old parish registers are interesting both to the antiquary and the local historian as from them may be gleaned many facts not elsewhere to be found ; the dates, also, of church restorations, &c., may be appropriately fixed by reference to their contents. It will be noted that at the time of the Restoration the Holy Communion was celebrated three and four times in the months.

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Collected at Toddington in the yeare of our Lord 1653, In August the sum'e of fourty shillings for the relief of the Inhabitants of Marleborough In Wiltshire who sustained the loss of foure score thousand pounds by fire. Tho: Aspin, Minister.

1661.—Collected for the Inhabitants of

Fakeman in Norfolk	0 : 3 : 11
Collected for Milten Abbas in the County	
of Dorset	0 : 3 : 6
Collected for the Inhabitants of Pontefract in Yorkshire	0 : 4 : 0
Collected for ye repaire of St. John	
Baptist's Church in Bedford	0 : 5 : 1

Collected for Ilmister in the County of Somerset	0 : 4 : 10
June 30,—Collected for Henry Harrison, mariner.....	0 : 5 : 5
July 14,—Collected for the Inhabitants of St. Dunstan in ye West	0 : 4 : 0
Aug. 21,—Collected for the Inhabitants of Buckingham	0 : 3 : 4
18,—Collected for ye sufferin by fire in Elmsly Castle, Worcester	0 : 3 : 9
11,—Collected for East Hagborne in the County of Berks	0 : 4 : 0
4,—Collected for ye repaire of a church in Scarborough	0 : 3 : 6
Sept. 15,—Collected for a fire in great Drayton in Shropshire	0 : 8 : 8
Collected for ye parish of Condoner in Shropshire	0 : 4 : 4
For John de Kraino Kranisky	0 : 4 : 10
Collected for a fire in Oxford	0 : 5 : 4
Collected for a fire in Bridgnorth in Shropshire	0 : 3 : 6
Collected for ye Collegiate church of Rippon in Yorkshire	0 : 3 : 0
March 9,—Collected for ye inhabitants of St. Martins in ye field in ye Strand ..	0 : 3 : 4
Collected for Bolinbrooke in Lincolnshire	0 : 2 : 10
March 16,—Collected for <i>Notheringha'</i> in Lincolneshire	0 : 3 : 10
1662 March 1,—Collected for the repair of the church in Grauesend.....	0 : 0 : 0

1663 June 28,—Collected for Jo: Ellis of	
Milton in Cambridgeshire	00 : 06 : 05
Oct. 18,—Collected for Grimsbey a port	
Towne in Lincolnshire	00 : 05 : 06
Nov. 1,—Collected for the church & steeple	
of Harwich in Essex	00 : 03 : 08
8,—Collected for the great loss by fire	
in Hexham in Northumb:	00 : 05 : 06
Feb. 14,—Collected for the repaire of Withe-	
ham ch: & steeple in Sussex	00 : 04 : 04
Collected for John Honner of Harlington	
in Bedfordshire	00 : 07 : 00
28,—Collected for ye losse by fire in	
Grantham in Lincolnshire	00 : 05 : 04
March 13,—Collected for the rebuilding of	
the ch: and steeple of Sandwich*....	00 : 04 : 11
1664 March 27, Collected for the inhabi-	
tants of Highington in the parish of	
Washingbrough in the county of Lin-	
colne	00 : 06 : 00
Maij 1°,—Collected for ye inhabitants of	
Weodon in Northamptonshire	00 : 5 : 03
Julij 3°,—Collected for the repaire of	
Thrapston bridge in Northamptonshire	00 : 04 : 00
Julij 17,—Collected for ye inhabitants of	
Harold y ^t suffered a losse by fire	00 : 05 : 00
Aug. 14,—Collected for a losse by fire in	
Broughin in Hertfordshire	00 : 04 : 05

* This would be St. Peter's Church, the Tower of which fell on the 13th of October, 1661, and destroyed the South Aisle. The Aisle is still in ruins and awaits re-building, so that evidently sufficient money was not raised by the Briefs for the re-building.—ED.

Aug. 21,—Collected for Hen: Lisle of Gis-
borough in Yorkshire 00 : 04 : 05

Collected for Cowley and Rands of little
Brickhil 00 : 17 : 00

Sept. 4,—Collected for the repaire of a
church in Tinmouth in Northumberland 00 : 03 : 04

Sept.—Collected for Mr. George Burre,
Rector of Dowseby in Lincolnshire .. 00 : 15 : 06

Oct. 2,—Collected for John Smith of Eaton
Socon in Bedfordshire Inneholder 00 : 04 : 08

Nov. 6,—Collected for Cromer al's Shipden
in the County of Norfolk 00 : 03 : 11

Oct. 9,—Collected for Grace Carter of
Roxton in Bedfordshire 00 : 03 : 09

Jan. 1,—Collected for Ed: Christian of
Grantham in Lincolnshire, Inneholder 00 : 05 : 01

Collected for Northchurch in Hertford-
shire 00 : 05 : 01

March 19,—Collected for Jo: Waylett of
Illford in the County of Essex 00 : 00 : 00

1665 Apr. 16,—Collected for ye repaires of
limington church in Southampton
County 00 : 03 : 03

Apr. 23,—Collected for the repairs of St.
Maries church in chester 00 : 03 : 04

May 19,—Collected for Will'm pierson of
Bramble Anger in luton parish..... 01 : 00 : 03

May 28,—Collected for ye inhabitants of
stillingfleet in ye East Riding in York-
shire 00 : 06 : 01

June 11,—Coll' for ye sufferers by fire in
Cockshut in Shropshire 00 : 06 : 01

June 25,—Coll' for the sufferers by fire in Flookburgh in Lancashire	00 : 07 : 10
July 9,—Coll' for the inhabitants of sheriffe- hale in Staffordshire	00 : 05 : 01
Aug. 2,—Coll' for the sick of the plague ..	00 : 14 : 05
Aug. 27,—Coll' for Tho: Sloper of Hart- pury in the County of Gloucestr: gentl'	00 : 10 : 11
Sept. 6,—Coll' for those that are visited with the plague	00 : 11 : 06
Sept. 17,—Coll' for W'm lea of Monks- kirby in warwickshire	00 : 10 : 06
Oct. 4,—Coll' for those who are visited with the plague	00 : 11 : 04
Oct. 29,—Coll' for the repaire of the har- bour of lenis., etc in Sussex	00 : 07 : 06
Nov. 8,—Coll' for those who are visited with ye contagious desease of ye pl'	00 : 08 : 10
Dec. 6,—Coll' for the relieve of those who are visited with ye plague	00 : 08 : 01
Dec. 25,—Coll' at ye Communion on Xt- masse day (t ^h distributed)	00 : 06 : 06
Dec. 31,—Coll' for Tho: Ince of Woburne who suffer'd a losse by fire in Bedf' ..	00 : 06 : 04
Jan. 3,—Coll' for those visited with the plague	00 : 05 : 09
Feb. 5,—Coll' for Richard Snag of litlington who suffer'd by fire	00 : 07 : 04
March 7,—Coll' for those who are visited with ye plague	00 : 06 : 03
March 11,—Coll' for ye sufferin by fire in Chalbury in Oxfordshire	00 : 06 : 02

1666 Apr. 1,—Collected for Hartlepoole a hauen Towne in Durham	00 : 06 : 00
Apr. 8, 15, 22,—Coll' for the poor of Tod- dington upon four Communion dayes	00 : 14 : 01
Apr. 29,—Coll' for a fire in Shadwell in the County of Essex	00 : 03 : 05
May 13,—Coll' for the church of the parish of Clun in Shropshire	00 : 04 : 03
Jnne 10,—Coll' for Ro : Hamlin of Shefford Woodlands in Berkshire.	00 : 04 : 08
July 22,—Coll' for the repaire of a church in Warborough in Oxfordshire.	00 : 05 : 06
Aug. 5,—Coll' for Roger Rogers of Douer in Kent Inneholder	00 : 06 : 06
Aug. 26,—Coll' for Jo: Osborne merchant yt suffer'd by Wracks at sea	00 : 08 : 04
Sept. 20,—Coll' for [] of Goldington in Bedfordshire	00 : 04 : 06
Nov. 11,—Coll' for the sufferin by fire in Hinxon in Cambridgeshire	00 : 04 : 08
Oct. 28,—Coll' for Jo: Connel & Jo: Bagget of Cork in Ireland.	00 : 04 : 01
Oct. 28,—Coll' for the poore sufferers by ye dreadful fire in London Aug. 31, Sept. 1, 2, 3, 4	04 : 00 : 04
Jan. 13,—Coll' for the sufferers by fire in Melcomb Regis in Dorsetshire	00 : 04 : 04
Feb. 10,—Coll' for 4 Inhabitants of Marston Morton in Bedfordshire	00 : 18 : 00
March 3,—Coll' for W'm Coale of Elsing in Norfolke	00 : 04 : 02

1667. Apr. 7, 14,—Coll' for the poore at 3	
Communions, Mar: 31, Apr: 7, 14 ..	00 : 11 : 02
May 19,—Coll' for the sufferers by fire in	
Grindlē in the parish of Riton in the	
County of Salop	00 : 04 : 08
June 30,—Coll' for a fire in Poole in Mon-	
mouthshire £3000 losse	00 : 04 : 00
July 14,—Coll' for Bishop's Cliffe in Deuon-	
shire	00 : 05 : 02
July 21,—Coll' for Edw: Bubb (at Mr.	
Wingate's request)	00 : 11 : 07
Aug. 2,—Coll' for Worksop in Nottingham-	
shire	00 : 10 : 02
Sept. 22,—Coll' for the poor at Tod: at the	
Communion	01 : 12 : 00
Dec. 1,—Coll' for a fire in loughborough in	
Leicestershire	00 : 09 : 01
Feb. 23,—Coll' for Hen: Daniel of Ampthil	00 : 06 : 05
1668. March 15, 22, 29,—Collected at three	
Communions for the poor of Todding-	
ton the summe of	00 : 10 : 01
June 21,—Collected for the Captives of Al-	
gier	00 : 01 : 05
Nov. 1,—Collected for Loughborow in Lei-	
cest'	00 : 06 : 00
Dec. 20,—Collected for Burcester in Ox-	
fordsh'	00 : 08 : 00
1669. Jan.—Collected for thetford in Nor-	
folke	00 : 05 : 00
1670. Apr. 24,—Collected for Wing in ye	
County Bucs	00 : 05 : 00

1678.—*Collected for St Paul's church in Toddington	2 : 3 : 6
1700.—Coll' for Drury Lane fire.....	0 : 7 : 5
Coll' for Minehead fire	0 : 3 : 10
Coll' for Lancaster fire	0 : 3 : 1
Coll' for Buckingham Church	0 : 2 : 8
Coll' at Easter Communion	0 : 15 : 1
1810.—Collected for Audlem Church Cheshire	0 : 1 : 6
Collected for Haworth fire Yorkshire....	0 : 2 : 3
Collected for Trinity Hospital Wilts	0 : 0 : 0
Collected for Wrockwardine Church Salop	0 : 4 : 0
Collected for Edale Chapel Derby	0 : 0 : 6

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, BEDFORD, HERALDRY.

It may be well in these days of so-called restoration—query whether renovation would not be a better word to use—to make a note of some arms which were on the roof of the south transept of St. Paul's Church in this town before it was pulled down, and also to enquire what may be intended to be done with the shields (which, thanks to the care of the churchwardens, are still in existence) hereafter. There are eight of them, and for the sake of reference let them be numbered as under:—

1. On a black ground a paton argent over a chalice or.
2. Sable 3 pears or. (Warden Abbey).
3. Argent a chevron sable in dexter chief an armulet sable [? Bradley.]

* The dedication of the parish church is now generally ascribed to St. George.—Ed.

4. Argent 3 piles in point gules [? Wishart].
5. The dexter half unfortunately obliterated impaling
—Gules within a border engrailed argent 3 escallops or.
6. Sable a saltire & chief argent on the latter a pellet.
7. Gules bezantee, on a canton sinister ermine a martlet
sable impaling Barry of six argent & sable.
8. Argent a chevron between 3 mullets gules.

Nos. 1 and 2 appear to belong to religious houses, the others are probably personal coats and may belong to benefactors to the church. The impaled coat on No. 5 is the same as that which was borne by the Shelton family of Staffordshire. No 6 is probably the coat of the Bruce of Anandale with a pellet for difference. No. 7. The dexter coat resembles very nearly that of the Zouche family, the only difference being the martlet sable on the Canton which may only be a mark of cadency. No. 8 there can be little doubt is that of the Broughton family of Toddington, one of whom, John Broughton, Esq., was High Sheriff for Beds. and Bucks. in 38, Hen. 6 and 5 Edw. 4, which was probably about the date of the older building, which has been replaced by the present southern transept. The coat obliterated on No. 5 bears some resemblance to a tree or a ragged staff; if the latter, it might prove to be the same coat as that carved on one of the corners of the south porch, and is probably intended for the badge of the Beauchamp family. It seems a pity that these arms should be entirely lost sight of in connection with the south transept, and it is to be hoped that they will again before long find their way to the present roof of the said transept, as they are worthy to be preserved and placed somewhere near their old habitat.

11 Oct., 1882.

D. G. C. E.

LEIGHTON BUZZARD.—The following are extracted from a “Booke of feines begining Ano: Dni: 1664 at Miclemas” of the Court Baron of the Manor of Leighton. They are interesting as recording names of people connected with the neighbourhood, field names, names of streets, and old inns, and in some cases mention is made of the town-lands. The entries extend over a period between 1664-1671.

MICHAELMAS COURT 1664.

Mr. William Theed, Tho: Townsend	<i>li</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
William Hogg and Richard Cooke, feoffees for the Town-land at Bil-			
lington, fine	40	0	0
Mr. Samuel Ironside for a messuage and land at Heath late Rich: Theed's fine	10	0	0
Timothey Brewer for a mault-house and barne at the White-house in Leighton, late Jonathan Sheppard's fine	02	0	0

WHITSUNTIDE COURT 1665.

Mr. Thomas Huxley for a messuage and certaine land in Billington late Isaack Bennett, late Mrs. Hillersdon's fine	07	0	0
John Hayes, gent., for a messuage and certaine land in Eggington fine	30	0	0
Of Mrs. Hillersdon for a Herriott	03	0	0
Mr. Wells of Wavendon for a Herriott	04	0	0

ATT MICHAELMAS COURT 1665.

Mr. ffrancis Thorne, and Mr. Arthur Corbett for a cottage in Leighton, fine	02	0	6
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John Wells of Leighton for Brigandine
 piece cont. 10 acres, and 3 acres in
 Hollinden, and the little hill-close ly-
 ing in Eggenton, late Will. Andrewe's,
 fine 05 : 10 : 0

AT WHITSUNTIDE COURT 1666.

Phillip Clarke for 2 acres called neither
 Packmans in Billington, fine 02 : 0 : 0
 Joseph Brandriffe for 2 acres of arr. land
 at Broomehill late Adam Quarrie's,
 fine 0 : 3 : 0
 Mathewe Wilkes, Marke Wilkes, ffrancis
 Winton, John Marsh, William Horns-
 by, John Deane, Thomas Meriden, and
 Edward Elliott, ffeoffees for 2 closes
 giuen by Edward Wilkes to the Towne
 of Leighton, fine 05 : 0 : 0

MICHELMAS COURT 1666.

Timothy Brewer for a messuage called
 the White Horse in Leighton by the
 surrender of Jonathan Sheppard, fine 4 : 0 : 0
 Richard ffrye for a Cottage and back-
 side in ffriday lane, by the surr. of
 Anne Parsons, fine 3 : 0 : 0

AT WHITSUN COURT, 1667.

Matthew Mead, gent., for a piece of
 ground at the gravell-pitts in Leigh-
 ton, by the surr. of Will. Coles, fine 1 : 0 : 0

Jane Leach widd., Symon Wood, and Jane his wife for one Cottage in Gigg- lane in Leighton, and 2 acres of arr. land, fine	2 : 10 : 0
Sr. Richard Napier for 4 poles and one halfe in millfenn and 2 Cowes Com'ons in Summer Leyes in Bill. by the surr. of Richard Bennett, fine	01 : 0 : 0

AT WITSUN COURT, 1669.

William Pym of London for a messuage and 2 closes of Pasture and 100 acres of arr. and leye ground, and 3 acres of meadow in Kingsmead in Leighton by the surr. of John Wells, Esq., fine ..	45 : 0 : 0
William Pym for three Closes of Pasture called the Hichins in Rach [Reach] by the surrender of John Wells, sen., Esq., fine	30 : 0 : 0

AT WHITSUN COURT, 1669.

Thomas Symmes for a piece of Pasture lying on the backside of the Cock Inn, by the surr. of William Wyatt, fine	01 : 10 : 0
Richard Leach, Elizabeth his wife, and Richard Leach there sonne for 2 little mead. called Badcockes moore by the surr. of Will. and Tym: Brewer, fine	05 : 0 : 0
Jeffery Hagshawe for the Whitehorse in Leighton by the surr. of Tym: Brewer, fine	05 : 0 : 0

MICHELMAS COURT, 1669.

Samuell Ironside for one peice of Land in Heath and Rach field called the Hook-hedge peice being exchanged with Mr. Pym for Sedgers, Mr. Pym paying 60 li. to boot.....	0 . 0 . 0
William Pym for one Close of Pasture ground on Heath and Rach called Sedgers by the surr. of Mr. Ironside, fine	3 : 0 : 0

AT WHITSUN COURT, 1670.

John Clarke for a messuage in Leighton called the Catterne Wheele, and nine acres of arr. land, and for a meadowe at Rackley Nookes by the surr. of Phillipp Clarke his father, <i>in extremis</i> , fine	48 : 0 : 0
William Malcutt for one peice of mead in Kingsmead contayning twoo acres and one halfe acre, by the surr. of ffrancis Wingate Esq., fine.....	4 : 01 : 0
Stephen Mosdell Esq. for a messuage in the middle Rowe in Leighton, and 3 acres of Land by the surr. of John Ewer, fine	8 : 0 : 0
Edward Hannell for the Chappell Yard or Close on Heath and Rach, and 1 acre of arr. land, being the towne land, the w ^{ch} discended to him from his father, he being the surviving feoffee, fine	3 : 10 : 0

AT THE COURT HELD AT MICHELMAS, 1670.

Jacob Pennington for a Cottage in ffriday
 lane and twoe Closes of Pastures in
 Leighton, by the surr. of Christopher
 Burton and Sarah his wife, fine 5 : 0 : 0

Sr. John Pye, Bara^{tt} for seu'all mes-
 suages, Cottages, and Lands in Heath
 and Rach by the surr. of John Wells,
 sen. Esq., fine..... 160 : 0 : 0

AT WHITSUN COURT, 1671.

Anne Vaux, widd. for a cottage in the
 Northend of Leighton by the surr. of
 ffrancis Thornes and Arthur Corbett,
 Esqrs., fine 01 : 5 : 0

Anne Vaux, widd. for a shopp and loft
 ouer it in the Northend of Leighton by
 the surr. of Tymothey Robinson, fine 0 : 10 : 0

William Theed for one acre of land in
 hale-peice by the surr. of Hen. Hon-
 nor for one and one orchard in West
 Bill, and 2 Cowes com'ons in Sum'-
 erleyes by the surr. of Rich. Whinatt,
 one Colt in little Bill. wth a pightle
 and 2 poles in Sum'erleyes by the surr.
 of Will Man, by the death of Mr
 Will. Theed his vnkle, fine 15 : 0 : 0

Will. Hillersden for a Herriott 07 : 07 : 0

F. A. B.

BEESTON.—The following writ to the Sheriff of Bedfordshire, dated 13th Feb., 1277, to seize the lands of one, Roger Puel, is transcribed from the original, in the possession of the writer.

“Edwardus dei gratia Rex Angliae & ffranciae & Dominus Hiberniae vicecomiti Bedfordiae salutem. Precipimus tibi quod distringas Rogerum Puel per omnes terras . . . in balliva tua predicta quod nec ipse nec aliquis per ipsum ad ea manum apponat donec aliud a nobis inde habueris preceptum. Et quod de executione ejusdem nobis respondeas. Et quod habeas corpus ejus coram p_____ nostris apud Westm' a die Pasche in tres septimanas ad respondendum Johannaे que fuit uxor Walteri de Huntingfeld Chivaler de placita quod reddit ei rationabilem compotum suum de tempore quo fuit ballivus suus in Beeston et receptos denarios ipsius Johannaе ut dicit. Et ad audiendum judicium suum de pluribus defalcationibus. Et habeas ibi hoc breve Teste P. de Stonore apud Westm' xij die ffebruarij Anno regni nostri Angliae vicesimo regni vero nostri ffranciae septimo.”

Endorsed—Thomas de Dyneford vic :

Henr : Atte hacche

Joh' es Denys

Ric' us Rogger

Joh' es Michel.

F. A. B.

DUNSTABLE.—Below is the transcript of a deed (*penes me*) which is locally interesting, and therefore I give it *in extenso*. It is the conveyance, in the year 1502, of an Inn called the Swan from John Dyve to Roger Parkyns. Two other Inns are also mentioned ; the Lion and the Peacock, both being near the Swan.

“Omnibus Christi fidelibus ad quos presens scriptum
 pervenerit Johannes Dyve * de Quynton Armiger salutem
 in Domino sempiternam Cum Johannes Parkyns de Dun-
 staple in Comitatu Bedfordiae habuerit & perquisiverit de
 me prefato Johanne Dyve unum tenementum sive hospicium
 cum *ffronte* ibidem vocatum le Swanne † situatum in vico
 Boriali de Dunstable predicto ante altam Crucem ‡ inter
 Tenementum sive hospicium leonis ex parti Australi &
 hospicium pavonis ex parte Boriali & Abuttat super
 Watlyngstrete versus Occidentem & super terram Roberti
 Broughton militis versus Orientem habendum & tenendum
 eidem Johanni Parkyns heredibus & assignatis suis in-
 perpetuum De Capitalibus Dominis feodi illius per servicia
 inde debita & de jure conseuto. Noveritis me predictum
 Johannem Dyve remisisse relaxasse et omnino pro me &
 heredibus meis imperpetuum quietam clamasse prefato
 Johanni Parkyns heredibus & assignatis suis imperpetuum
 totum jus meum statum & clamium juris que unquam
 habui habeo seu quovismodo in futuro habere potero in
 totum predictum Tenementum sive hospicium cum *ffronte*
 & suis pertinenciis Ita videlicet quod nec ego predictus
 Johannes Dyve nec heredes mei nec aliquis alias per nos
 pro nobis seu nomine nostro aliquid juris vel clamii in
 totum predictum Tenementum sive hospicium cum *ffronte*

* Ob: a. p. 1545. He was s. of Sir John Dyre of Bromham, Knt., by
 Isabell, d. & coh: of Sir Rafe Hastiuga, Knt.

† An Inn called the Swan, probably the same which was, in 1667,
 owned by a William Fossey. In ‘*Bib: Topog: Brit:*’ Part viii. is
 figured a representation of a token issued by William Fossey of the Swan.

‡ This was one of the Queen Eleanor crosses erected in 1290, as the
Chronicle of Dunstable informs us. Camden speaks of it as standing in his
 time, but what became of it is a matter of uncertainty.

et suis pertinencis nec in aliqua inde parcello de cetero
 exigere clamare vendicare seu reintrare poterimus nec
 debemus infuturum sed ab omne accione juris vel clamei
 inde simus exclusi in perpetuum per presentes Et ego vero
 predictus Johannes Dyve & heredes mei totum predictum
 tenementum sive hospicium cum *ffronte* et suis per-
 tinenciis prefato Johanni Parkyns heredibus & assignatis
 suis contra omnes gentes Warentizabimus & defendemus
 In cujus rei testimonium huic presenti Scripto meo sigillum
 meum apposui Datum vicesimo quinto die mensis maij
 Anno regni Regis henrici septum post Conquestum decimo
 septimo hiis testibus Johanne Leonard, Henrico ffeyry,
 Johanne Chirch, Johanne Sterne, Johanne Tersall de
 Dunstable predicto & Aliis.

F. A. B.

TODDINGTON.—The following is a translation of an ancient deed dated 1454, relating to lands in this parish. The original, which is in the possession of the Rector, is in Latin, and has two seals pendent, one has a curious device like a rebus, which I am unable to make out. It belongs, I expect, to Thomas Wykelwode, the Rector, as on the inside of a slip of parchment to which it is attached is very plainly written—"THOMAS WYKEL-
 WODE RECTOR ECCLIE PAROCHIALIS DE TODDINGTON." The other seal has the monogram J. B. or T. B. As the deed contains many old field-names I have thought it worth transcribing in full. One word "*chemcirs*" I am unable to make out the meaning of, and an application to *Notes and Queries* has not resulted in any information.*

F. A. B.

* A correspondent suggests—"Should not this word be 'chemoer'? Cotgrave has *chemier*, the eldest or chief heir in a descent, who is to do

KNOW ALL MEN present and to come that WE Thomas Wykelwode Rector of the parish Church of Todyngdon and William Grenefeld Warden of the Hospital of Saint John the Baptist of Todyngdon aforesaid have demised leased and by this our present deed have confirmed to John Kegyll William Marchall William Baylly John Mason Thomas Baylly William Pedder John Bonde John Chamberleyen John Est and John Pekham, our one messuage with the croft adjoining in Fencote in the Parish of Todyngdon aforesaid and other the lands and meadows feedings and pastures with their appurtenances lying dispersedly in the FIELDS of FENCOTE and TODYNGDON aforesaid. Whereof two roods of land lie together in a Furlong near Chalgrave Church-style between the land of the Rector of Todyngdon on the one side and the land of William Chamberleyen on the other side and abut upon the croft heretofore of the Vicar of Chalgrave. Also one half-acre of land lies upon the Longspert between the land of the Lord of Todyngdon on each side and abuts east and west. Also four selions of land likewise lie upon the Hasels between the land of the Lord and the land of John Reve and abut east and west. Also two selions of land lie together there between the land of the Lord on each side and abut east and west. Also one rood of land lies there and is the headland near the land of William Pedder and abuts east and west. Also two roods of land lie together near Swynescroft near the land of William Pedder and abut east and west. Also one acre of land

homage and such other 'primarée' duties for the whole land that is descended. Also in Hippéau's *Glossaire du XIII^e Siècle* I find 'cheme, chemie, mesure de blé; chemier, premier de la famille.' The context hardly seems to bear out this derivation.—ED.

lies there between the land of William Pedder on each side and abuts east and west. Also one half-acre of land lies upon Otehill between the land of William Pedder and the land of John Chamberleyn and abuts south and north. Also three roods of land with the *Chemcirs* ? lie together upon Crowelslade between the land of the Lord and the land of the Rector and abut south and north. Also one rood of land lies upon Crofthorne between the land of John Chamberlain on each side and abuts east and west. Also one acre of land lies upon Bysmerehill between the land heretofore of John Vale and the land of William Pedder and abuts south and north. Also one half-acre of land lies there between the land of John Chamberleyn and the land of Ralph Wellys. Also another half-acre of land lies there between the land of John Chamberleyn and the land of Ralph Wellys. Also one rood of land lies at the Eldenstubb between the land of Thomas Baylly and the land of William Pedder. Also one half-acre of land lies upon Tonfurlong between the Balke there and the land of Richard Twyrolt and abuts east and west. Also one other half-acre of land lies there between the land of John Chamberleyn and the way called Hiton-way. Also one half-acre of land lies upon Bardenhill between the land of John Chamberleyn on each side and stretches beyond Bardenhilway. Also another half-acre of land lies there between the land of John Chamberlain and the land of William Pedder and stretches beyond Bardenhilway. Also that half an acre of land lies upon Rynehill between the Hacchehegge and the land of John Chamberlain. Also another half-acre of land lies there between the land of John Chamberleyn and the land of Thomas Baylly. Also one acre of land lies there between

the land of William Pedder on each side. Also one rood of land lies upon the Rye between the land of John Chamberleyn and the land of William Mychell, one of the Swineherds of Todyngdon. Also one half-acre of land lies there between the land of John Chamberleyn and the land of William Pedder. Also another half-acre of land lies there between the land of Thomas Baylly on each side. Also another half-acre of land lies there between the land of John Chamberleyn on each side. Also one acre of land lies upon the Outwodefeld between the land of William Pedder on each side. Also three roods of land lie together there between the land of William Pedder on each side. Also one half-acre of land lies there between the land of John Chamberleyn and the land of William Pedder. Also one other half-acre of land lies there between the land of John Chamberlain and the land of William Pedder—Also one half acre of land lies upon Woodfurlong between the land of John Chamberleyn and the land of William Pedder—Also one acre of land lies upon Stonyham between the land of the Lord and the land of William Pedder—Also one half acre of land lies there between the land of John Chamberleyn on each side—Also another half acre of land lies there between the land of William Pedder on each side—Also another half acre of land lies there between the land of John Chamberleyn and the land of William Pedder—Also one half acre of land lies upon *the* Oldedowne between the land of John Chamberleyn and *the* land of William Pedder—Also one acre of land lies *near* Blakehegge-gate between the land of the Lord and *the* land of John Reve—Also one half acre of land lies *near* the Quabbe between the land of William Marchall and the land of Thomas Wayte—Also another half acre

of land lies there between the land of the Lord and the land of William Marchall—Also two roods of land lie upon the Grenehill between the land of William Marchall and the land of Thomas Smyth and abut upon Enle—Also two other roods of land lie there between the land of Thomas Smith on each side—Also three selions of land with a parcel of meadow lie together at Deppyttys near the land of William Marchall and abut upon the Rector's meadow—Also one selion of land lies upon Hewmorserse between the land of William Pedder on each side—Also another selion of land lies there between the land of William Pedder and the land of Thomas Baylly—Also one selion of land lies upon Shortbardenhill between the land of William Pedder on each side—Also one half acre of land lies there between the land of John Chamberleyn and the land of William Pedder—Also one half acre of land lies at the Endleslendes between the land of John Chamberleyn and the land of William Pedder—Also two selions of land lie near the Oldcros between the land of William Pedder on each side—Also half an acre of land lies there between the land of William Pedder and the Churchwey—Also another half acre of land lies there between the land of John Chamberleyn and the land of William Pedder—Also another half acre of land lies there between the land and meadow of John Chamberleyn and one acre of land lies at Frenshmanway between the land of the Lord and the Rector's land—ALSO we have demised to the aforesaid John Kegyll William Marchall William Baylly John Thomas Baylly William Pedder John John John and John 12^d of yearly rent, to wit, from the tenement called Pondes in TODYNGDON 6^d yearly and from the tenement and one close late of William de Fancote in FANCOTE 4^d yearly

and from one acre of land lying near the Blakehegges late of Thomas Pulter now of Agnes Welde 2*i* yearly and which messuage croft land meadows feedings pastures and rent with their appurtenances were formerly of Simon Umfray at that time of Dunstable. MOREOVER we have demised and leased to the said John William Marchall William Baylly John Thomas Baylly William John John John and John all those our lands and meadows which we have between a certain Plot of Land called the Parsonsdowne and the Outwoodbridge to wit, in the field east of Todyndon aforesaid as they lie between the ditch and bounds there placed TO HAVE and to HOLD all the aforesaid messuage croft land meadows feedings pastures and rents with all their appurtenances to the aforesaid John William Marchall William Baylly John Thomas Baylly William Pedder John John John and John their heirs and assigns for ever of the chief Lords of those Fees by the services therefore due and of right accustomed— IN WITNESS whereof we have to this our present deed affixed our seals—THESE BEING WITNESSES John Marchall William Chamberleyn John Reve Thomas Smyth Thomas Est and others. DATED at Todyngdon aforesaid on Sunday next after the feast of Saint Michael the Archangel in the 32nd year of the reign of King Henry the 6th after the Conquest of England.

WINCH OF EVERTON.

In reply to Query on page 243, I send the following extract from Foss' *Biographical Dictionary of Judges*, from which it would appear that Sir Humphrey Winch was buried, as O'Byrne states, in the Cloisters of Pembroke Hall, Cambridge.

J. G. R.

"Winch, Humfrey of Everton in the Co. of Bedford was born about 1545 was called to the Bar at Lincoln's Inn in 1581 became bencher there in 1596 & reader in 1598. He sat for the last three years of Elizabeth's Parliament for the Town of Bedford. In 1616 he fell deservedly into some disgrace in consequence of condemning and executing at the Summer Assizes at Leicester no less than 9 women as witches on the evidence of a boy who pretended that he had been bewitched and tormented by them. The King on a visit to the town a month after the trial personally examined the boy discovered and exposed the imposture but too late to save the unfortunate victims of this absurd superstition. He was buried in the Cloisters of Pembroke Hall Cambridge."

**GREAT BARFORD.—EXTRACTS FROM THE PARISH
REGISTERS.***

The registers of the above parish, which by the kindness of the Vicar I have lately had an opportunity of searching, contain many entries of interest relating to the families of ANSCELL, CARTER, FITZGEOFFREY, FITZHUGH, and FRANCKLIN, who severally entered their pedigrees at the Heralds' Visitations. These I have carefully extracted as under. I may mention that the oldest register, which commences in 1563, has been somewhat mutilated,—the leaves containing the entries between 1582 and 1592 having been cut out, and those between 1664-80 are also missing. It is said that the registers were mutilated to

* All written within [] are supplied from the Bishop's Transcripts.

conceal the evidence of a pre-nuptial birth about the time when a lawsuit was in progress to prove the rightful heir to some property in the neighbourhood.

1563, July 1. Thomas Cooke et Agneta Slade nupti fuerunt [first entry].

1563, July 26. Robertus Nokes et Agneta Coop' nupti fuerunt.

1564, June 14. Anna Anscell bapt : est.

1564, May 29. Rogerus Courtney et Elizab : Peet nupti fuerunt.

1567, Sept. 23. Oliverus Anscell bapt : est.

1567, Nov. 9. Johannes Noakes et Johanna Pickat nupti fuerunt.

1568, Jan. 29. Tho : Anscell bapt : est.

1570, June 21. Gulielmus Fitzhughe bapt : est.

1570, July 5. Nicholaus Anscell bapt : est.

1573, May 14. Elizab : Carter bapt : est.

1573, July 23. Robertus ffitzhugh bapt : est.

1574, May 2. Johannes Enderbye et Joanna Boode nupti fuerunt.

1574, Aug. 8. Anna Carter bapt : est.

1574, Feb. 7. Nicholaus Anscell sepult : est.

1575, Jan. 6. Johannes ffitzhugh bapt : est.

1575, Jan. 31. Nicholas Anscell sepult. est.

1576, Sept. 4. Johannes Bromhall et Agneta Anscell nupt : fuer.

1577, Apr. 25. Elizab : Bromhall bapt : est.

1577, Aug. 22. Gulielmus Blythe et Alicia ffitzgeiffrey nupti fuer.

1577, Nov. 18. Richardus Nelson et Agneta Wardon nupti fuer.

1578, July 19. Juditha Bromhall bapt : est.

1578, Jan 20. Nicholas Maleris et Elizab : Anscell
nupti fuer.

1579, Sept. 24. Johannes ffitzhughe sepult : est.
1579, Feb. 15. Anna ffitzhughe bapt : est.
1594, Aug. 20. Oliverus ffitziefferey bapt.
1594, Oct. 16. Catharina Anscell bapt.
1595, Aug. 6. Susanna Fitzhugh bapt : est.
1595, Sept. 29. Vrsula Fitzieffrey bapt : est.
1596, May 3. Anna Carter bapt : est.
1596, Dec. 17. ffranciscus ffitzieffrey bapt : est.
1597, May 28. Anna Carter sepult : est.
1597, Nov. 7. Elizabetha Anscell sepult : est.
1597, Jan. 23, Judith ffitzieffrey Bapt : est.
1597, Feb. 26. Gulielmus ffitzhughe Bapt : est.
1598, May 7. ffranciscus ffitzieffrey Sepult.
1598, Feb. 21. Dorothea Anscell bapt.
1599, May 14. Margareta ffitzieffrey bapt : est.
1599, Sept. 25. Robertus ffitzhughe et Anna Worsley
nupti fuerunt.

1599, Oct. 11. Gulielmus, f. Roberti ffitzhughe bapt.
1600, Aug. 20. Jana ffitzieffrey bapt : est.
1602, Nov. 11. Vrsula, uxor Tho : Anscell sepult : est.
1601, Feb. 28. Catherina ffitzhughe bapt : est.
1602, April 27. Thomas ffitzieffrey bapt : est.
1602, Sept. 5. Elizabetha, filia Roberti ffitzhughe
bapt : est.
1603, July 19. Thomas Anscell bapt : est.
1604, June 19. Elizabetha ffitzhughe sepult : est.
1604, Aug. 22. Elizabetha, filia Thomas Carter, generosi;
Bapt.
1604, Jan. 16, Juditha, filia Hen : ffitzhughe Bapt.
1605, Apr. 7. Henricus, filius Thomae Anscell Bapt.

1606, May 25. Willm's, filius Thomae Carter. gen : Bapt.

1606, July 28. Thomas Pearce et ffrancisca Bromsall nupti fuerunt.

1606, Nov. 1. Oliverus filius Roberti Bromhall natus est [Bapt. 18 Dec. 1606.]

1606, Jan. 18. Elizab : filia Thome Anscell bapt.

1607, Nov. 29. Thomas Carter, filius Thomae Carter, gen : bapt.

1607, Feb. 26. Vrsula, filia Henrici ffizhugh bapt.

1607, March 5, Thomas, filius Thomae Carter, gen : sepult.

1608, Feb. 19. Jana, filia Thomae Carter, gen : bapt. [1609, Mch. 15. Richard Field gen. bur.]

1610, Apr. 10. Jeradus ffitzoefferye sepult.

1610, Sept. 19. Anna, filia Thomae Carter, gen : bapt.

1610, Dec. 18. Johannes Allen, generosus, et Catherina Anscell nupti.

1610, Feb. 26. Alexander, filius Thomae Anscell, Armigeri, Bapt.

1611, Nov. 17. Maria, filia Thomae Cartar, generosi, Bapt.

1612, June 30. Maria, filia Thomae Cartar, generosi, sepult.

1612, July 27. Maria, filia Henrici ffizhugh, generosi, Bapt.

1612, Aug. 7. Johannes, filius Johannis Allen, generosi, natus ; Bapt : 9 Aug.

1612, Dec 1. Anna, filia Thomae Anscell, Armigeri, Bapt.

1613, Aug. 22. Anna, filia Roberti ffizhugh, Bapt.

1613, Oct. 18. Robertus fisher et Elizabetha Carter nupti fuerunt.

* 1613, Nov. 20. Blenardus hassetus filius mariae ffuller, viduae generosae, bapt.

1614, Apr. 9 [8]. ffrancisca, filia, Thomae Carter, generosi, sepult.

† 1614, March 25. Petrus, filius Georgij ffitzieofery, generosi, sepult.

1616, Sept. 2. Georgius, filius Georgij ffitzoeffery militis, sepult.

‡ 1616, Feb. 6. Rosa Hirlston, generosa vidua, sepult.

1617, May 4. Oliuerus, filius Magistri Thomae Cartar Bapt.

1617, May 29. Thomas Cokhaine generosus et Dorothea, filia Thomae Anscell, armigeri, nupt.

1617, Jan. 4. Oliuerus, filius Magistri Thomae Cartar sepult.

1618, July 1. Vrsula, filia Magistri Thomae Cartar Bapt.

1618, Oct. 26. Vrsula, filia Magistri Thomae Cartar sepult.

1618, Dec. 7. Georgius ffitzieoffery, miles sepult.

|| 1618, Feb. 28. Georgius ffitzieofferye, generosus sepult.

1619, Sept. 26. Rotheramus, filius Rotherami Cheney, generosi Bapt.

* A family of the name of Blennerhasset were seated at Blunham. See their Pedigree in the "Visitation of Bedfordshire," ed. Harl. Soc., 1884, p. 159.

† The year is doubtful.

‡ She was da. of Thomas Anscell by Elizabeth his wife, d. and h. of Robert Wheatley. She married first to . . . Wolrich, and secondly to Hugh Hurleston of Cardington, whose ancestors came out of Lancashire.

|| The day of the month is uncertain; it might be 23 or 28.

1619, Jan. 4. Susanna, filia Mr. Thomae Cartar, Bapt.

1621, June 18. Thomas, filius m'ri Thomae drury Bapt.

[1622, June 10 Nicholas Day Clearke and Mary Bradford nupt.]

1623, March 29. Maria ffitzieoffery, vidua, sepult.

1623, Aug. 29. Thomas Anscell, armiger, sepult.

1624, Jan. 22. Samuell Barrow, generosus, et Judithe ffitzieoffery, generosa, nupt.

1624, Feb. 24. Richardus mountneigh, armiger, et Katherina ffitzieoffery, generosa, nupt.

1625, Aug. 16. Elizabetha, filia Johannis Alleyn, generosi, Bapt.

1625, Sept. 8. Anna, filia magistri, Wooton Bapt.

1627, Dec. 29. Domina Anna ffitzieofferie, vidua, sepulta.

1628, Jan. 13. Thomas Nevill sepult.

1628, Jan. 23. Maria, uxor allein Shackspere sepult.

1630, Apr. 8. Georgius Banden et pheninnah Shackspere nupt.

1630, Sept. 27. Anna, filia magistri Willielmi Cartar Bapt.

1632, Sept. 28. Thomas, filius Magistri Willielmi Cartar Bapt.

1634, May 8. Francisca, filia magistri Throwgood Bapt.

1634, Aug. 31. Willielmus, filius Willielmi Cartar generosi, Bapt.

1635, Apr. 24. Oliuerus Smith [Vicar] scpultus.

1637, Sept. 3. Elizabeth Cartar, filia Gulielmi (gen.) Cartar bapt.

1637, Sept. 9. Anna Cartar, vxor Gulielmi Cartar [gen.], pulcherrima, amantissima, sauvissima, scpulta fuit.

1637, Nov. 17. Jane Hanscombe, filia Roberti Hanscombe sep: fuit.

1638, May 30. Thomas Harpar et Katharina Lauman nupti fuerunt.

* 1638, May 13 [June 9]. Elizabeth Anscell (gen.) religiosissima, excellentissima, suavissima, sepulta fuit.

1640, Apr. 4. Gulielmus Carter et Maria Spenser, (gen.) nupt.

1641, June 10. Maria Carter, filia Gulielmi Carter, (generosi) Bapt.

1641, June 12. Maria Carter vxor Gulielmi Carter, predict. sepulta fuit.

1641, Oct. 3. Thomas Shakespeare, filius Thomas Shakespeare bapt: fuit.

1642, July 31. Robertus Ward et Vrsula Woodard nupti fuerunt.

1643, Jan. 22. Gulielmus Shakspeare, filius Thomae Bapt: fuit.

1644, March 9. Edward the son of George Allison, Bapt.

1644, Sept. 5. Mr. William Carter buried.

1645, Apr. 8. William Arding and Diana Pearce married.

1646, March 29. Peeter ye son of Mr. Tuthill Bapt.

1646, Nov. 13. Margery Hanscombe buried.

1648, Feb. 4. Anne the d. of James Hunt, Traweler, Bapt.

1649, Sept. 22. Anne the d. of Mr. ffieild Bapt.

1649, March 11. Will'm Browne, gent., & Elizabeth Tuthill married.

* The year and month are doubtful, the writing being very indistinct.

1650, Nov. 19. Edmund the s. of Mr. Tuthill Bapt.
 1651, Apr. 11. Mr. Thomas ffitziefferye buried.
 1651, Apr. 22. Susan the d. of John Hanscombe Bapt.
 1651, March 19. Elizabeth the d. of Robt. Hanscombe Buried.
 1651, March 22. William Ardden and Elizabeth Dixsey Married.
 1652, Sept. 19. Mrs. Elizabeth Auncell, Widdowe, Buried.
 1652, Oct. 31. Mary the d. of John Hanscombe Bapt.
 1652, Nov. 4. Mr. Thomas Carter and Mrs. Mary Auncell married.
 1653, Feb. 5. Robert the s. of John Hanscombe borne.
 1657, Nov. 10. John Hunt Buried.
 1659, Sept. 25. Jeames Wyan, gent., maried the 24 of September and Mrs. Mary Creamor.
 1659, Sept. 26. Thomas Carter, gent., Buried.
 1664, Aug. 4. William Denton and Elizabeth Harper mar.

(The following years till 1680 are wanting.)

1681, Feb. 17. Mr. Water Capell Buried.
 1681, March 21. John Wye, the elder, Buried.
 1682, July 31. Mr. George Favell Buried.
 1682, Aug. 5. Jane the wife of the aforesaid Mr. George Favell Buried.
 1684, Sept. 15. Mrs. Mary Foster (al's Auncell the youngest child of Thomas Auncell Esq. deceased by Elizabeth his second and last wife deceased who was the daughter of Sr. William Beecher of Hoobury in the parish of Renhold in the County of Bedford also deceased) the wife of William Foster of Bedford in the County of Bedford Doctor of Lawcs and Chancellor of the Diocese of

Lincoln was buried in the burial place of her Ancestors in the chancell of this parish Church of Great Barford in the County of Bedford upon Munday the fifteenth day of September. In this instant year of our Lord one Thousand Six hundred eighty four.

1686, Jan. 13. Richard Thorowgood & Elizabeth Parser married.

1687, Sept. 1. William fforster the second son of William fforster of Bedford in the County of Bedford Esqr. and Barbara his wife the daughter of Nicholas Oudart Esq. deceased, whilst he lived Latine secretary to his late majestic King Charles the second, was buried in his Buriall place in the Chancell of this parish Church of Great Barford upon Thursday the first day of September in the year of our Lord 1687.

1687, Oct. 13. Henry Shepherds and Mary Eston married by a licence.

1687, Jan. 8. John son of William fforster of Bedford in the County of Bedford Esqr. and Barbara his wife The Daughter of Nicholas Oudart Esqr. deceased, whilst hee lived Latine Secretary to his late Majesty King Charles the second was Buried in his Buriall place in the Chancell of this parish Church of Great Barford upon Sunday the eighth of January In the year of our Lord, 1687.

1688, Dec. 31. William Foster Esq. & Batchelour of laws was Buried in his Buriall place of this parish Church the one and thirtith day of this instant month of December 1688.

1689, Nov. 10. John son of Francis & Dorcas Rolt Bapt.

1691, Dec. 13. Mrs. Mary Berkhead Lat wife to Mr. Berkhead, Lat Minester of Great Barford was Buried.

1692, May 4. Mary the d. of Georg and Anne Staford, gent., was Bapt.

1692, July 4. Wilielmus Stanton of ye Parish of Southill & Alice Jeffries of ye Parish of Cardington mar.

1693, Jan. 6. Mrs. Patience Sumarsall was Bur.

1694, Sept. 25. John the s. of Mr. Dayrex Spencer minester of Great Barford Bapt.

1694, Oct. 5. Mrs. Margerie Simmons wife of Mr. Edward Simmons Bur : in the Chancell of this Church.

1695, Dec. 3. ffrances Rolt bur.

1697, June 30. Simon, s. of Mr. Edward Gale & Eliz: his wife bapt.

1698, Apr. 25. Mr. Oudart Forster, Batchelour Com'oner of Trinity Colledge in Cambridge was buried in ye Chancell of ye Parish church of Great Barford, Aprill ye 25 in this instant year of our Lord 1698.

1698, Aug. 14. Mr. John Ashboult was Bur.

1708, Apr. 5. William Foster, LL.D., Bur.

1709, Sept. 18. John Willis & Margaret Rudd mar: by Licence.

1709, Feb. 13. Sander Foster & Sarah Jemeatt mar: by Licence.

1711, Sept. 10. Thomas Thouregood & Ann Huckell mar: by Licence.

1711, Jan. 13. Anne Foster the d. of Sandra Foster & Sarah his wife Bapt.

1702, Apr. 14. Joseph *Worting* of Gilsborough in Northamptonshire Cler: & Dorothy Oudart, spinster of Great Barford were married by Licence on Tuesday.

1704, July 15. Richard Willis, ffarmer, & ffrances Stafford, Spinster married by licence.

1705, May 16. Simon Safford of ye Parish of Eaton

Socon & Catherine Stafford of ye parish of Great Barford
were mar: by Licence.

1713, Nov. 16. John Palmer & Sarah Simons both of
Cardington.

1717, Feb. 19. John Wye, gent., Buried.

1718, Apr. 19. Mrs. Anne Jemmat Buried.

1720, Feb. 23. Richard Simmons, gent., Buried.

1721, May 25. Elizab : d. of Barwell Collins, Cler: &
Ann his wife Bapt.

1721, Oct. 31. Mr. Joseph Wye Bur.

1724, July 17. Sandra fforster, gent., Bur.

1725, Apr. 18. John Dudley of Biddenham in Com:
Bedd: & Mary Pearson of Cardington by Lyicense.

1726, Apr. 16. Thomas Foster, gent., Buried.

1727, Oct. 2. George Stafford, gent., Buried.

* 1730, Dec. 28. Alice Wooton, widow, bur.

1731, Jan. 17. Mrs. Sarah Foster bur.

1733, June 18. Alexander Endersby of Biggleswade
& Dorothy Cocken of this Parish married by Banns.

1733, Aug. 7. John s. of John Francklin Esq., & Anne
his Wife Bapt.

1733, Dec. 5. John s. of John & Anne Francklin Buried.

1734, Oct. 17. Ann d. of John Francklin Esq. and
Anne his wife, bapt.

1734, Dec. 19. Ann Stafford wife of George Stafford
buried.

1736, June 10. John s. of John Francklin & Ann his
wife privately bapt: by Mr. Botts.

1737, June 8. Ann wife of John Francklin Esq:
buried.

* Inscr: on her gravestone mentions her as aged 100 years.

1737, Aug. 21. Mary, d. of the Rev. : Newman Hughes & Mary his wife bapt, born Aug. 11.

1741, Apr. 22. Newman ye s. of ye Rev. Newman Hughes & Mary his wife bapt.

1742, Apr. 28. George son of George Dixon, gent., & Mary his wife bapt.

1743, Dec. 15. Tho : Wye, gent., Buried, aged 88 years.

1748, Dec. 29. John Foster & Eliz: Croot of the parish of Sandy married by Licence.

1749, Dec. 29. William Brace, gent., Burried.

INVENTORIES OF CHURCH GOODS.

Taken by Commission in the Reign of Edward VI., transcribed from the Originals in the Public Record Office.

HARLINGTON.

The Inventorye indented of all man' of plate jewells vestments ornaments & bells belonginge to the p'ysshe churche of harlington in the Com' of Bed : made y^e Second daye of September in y^e vj yere of y^e Rayne of o^r Sovraigne lord edward the sixt by y^e grace of god of England ffraunce & of Ierland Kinge defendor of y^e ffaithe & in erth y^e sup'me head of the churche of england & Ierland presented & delyvered to y^e Kynge his Maiestie Comysyoners by Will'm Alyson vycar, Richard Hawkins John Nasshe Churchwardens, John Spyc'r Joh' helder Richard Mather townesmen.

Imp'mis one chalice of silver p'cell gylte * wayinge ix. onc'a.

* Partly gilt, i.e., gilt only on the inside.

It^m to crossys of coper & gylte.

It^m a corpus [P corporas] clothe wt a case of syke.

It^m one payre of sensers of coper.

It^m sixse vestments v. of them of sylke & one of them of whight bustyan *

It^m ij. copes one of damaske whight & the other of blew damaske.

It^m iij. pillows † olde of silke.

It^m in y^e stepull of the said churche v. bells & a saunce bell ‡ The first bell in widenes ij. foote & viij. inches in depthe ij. & one inche, the second bell ij. & viij. inches in depth ij. the thirde bell ij. fote wide & ij. foote depth, ye fourthe bell iij. foote wyde & ij. foote depthe & a d^d ye vth bell iij. foote & dⁱ wyde ij. foote & dⁱ depe the saunce bell wyde xi. inche & iij. inche depe

It^m all the saide churche & porche leaded & the chauncel tyled and the stepull tyled.

Comitted to the custodie & saf kepynge of Will'm Alyson vicar there John Helder & Richard Mather.

TYNGRYTHE.

The Inventory indented of all manner of plate vestments ornaments & belles belongyng to the p'risse of Tyngrythe in the comte of bedford maid the seconde day of September in the syxt yere of the rayne of our soverane lorde Kynge edwarde the syxt by the curat churchewardens & dyvers other of the said p'risse appoynted for the same.

* A kind of tissue, probably the same as fustian. In Ayrshire fustian is still called bustian.—Peacock's "*English Church Furniture.*"

† These appear to have been used to rest the Missals upon.

‡ Sanctus or Saunce Bell rung at the elevation of the Host.

Imprimis too chalyces of sylver percell gylt weyingo
xxi. ounce.

It^m vi. alter clothes & vi. towelles & one pyllow.

It^m of coper one pyxe * & one crosse.

It^m iij. clothes in paynes red and yelow for the alter.

It^m ij. candylstyks.

It^m iij. coopes verie old.

It^m vj. vestments one white damask and one other greno
and the other iiiij. verie olde.

It^m in the stepull of the said churche iij. belles weying
by estymation xxv. hundred wyght.

It^m all the said churche chauncell & steple Couveyd
w^t ledd. The names of the p'senters patryk hynton p'son,
Wyllam bunkar Wyllam Andron the churchewardens,
symon lowynge thomas Wytt the townesmen.

Committed to the custodie & safe kepyng of Symont
Lowyn Willm Bunkar & Will'm Anderson.

WESTONYNG.

The Inventorie indented of all man^r of plate jewells
vestments ornaments & bells belongyng to the p'ishe church
of Westonyng in the Countie of Bedford made the
second of September in the syxt yere of Reyne of our
soverene Lorde Kynge Edward the Syxte by the vicar
churchewardens & divers other of the discrete & most
substantiall me' of the said p'yshe appointed for the same.

Impr'is too chalices of sylver p'cell gylt. weying
xvij. ounces and a halfe.

It. of lynnyn syxe alter clothes iij. towells ij. hangyng
& ij. cross clothes.

* A box for consecrated wafers.

It. of laten * too candelstycks & a bason.

It. ij. censers of latyn & a herse clothe.

It. xi. vestments one of grene velvett one blew satten one of whyte saten one of red sарcenet one of grene damaske one of red seye † one of red saten one of grene thred one of blew threde one broches & flowers & one other of black.

It. v. coopes one of blew saten one of red sарcenet one wrought in the frame of threde one other of blew saten & one other of grene branched damask.

It. in the stepul of the seyd churche iiij. bells too of the seyd bells weying by estymation xvij. hundred & a halfe, the other too grete bells xx. hundred by estimatio' & a saunce bell, to hand bells.

It. the church chancell steple & porch all cove'd wy' leed.

It. to sacryng ‡ bells.

It. to surplesses & to rochetts.

Comitted to the custodie & safe kepynge of John Frauncis vicare there Richard punter and Edmund Parsons. The names of the p'senters:—John ffirancis, vicar, Rychard punt', Rowland dyxo' churchwardens Edmund p'sons Henry Watts.

ETON—WIBOSTON, Bundle 1392, Feb. 2, No. 5.

Thys Inventorye of y^e Churche goods there indentyd the xixth day of August y^e vith yere of y^e Reyne of oure

* A superior kind of brass or mixed metal.

† A sort of fine serge.

‡ "A small hand-bell used in the Western Church to call the attention of the faithful, who are worshipping, to the more sacred and solemn parts of the Christian sacrifice. It is rung by the server at Mass."—Lee's *Glossary*.

Souerynge lord Edwarde the Syxtt by y^e grace of God
 Kyng of England ffrance & Ireland Defend^r of y^e faythe
 & of y^e churche of England & also Ireland in Eerthe the
 Sup'me Hed and p'sented y^e same day & yere at bedford
 to y^e Kyngs maiestes comyssioners by Thom' Alcocke vicar
 John Tynggay & Nicholas Yssott Churche Wardens ther
 Wyll'm Scott Jamys bercocke Thomas Tynggay Inhaby-
 tants of Eton aforesayde.

ffyrst one chalys of sylur d'ble gylt weyng xv. ownces.
 It'm one chalys of sylvr p'cell gylt weyng viij. ownces.
 A crosse of sylur parcel gylt weyng lxvij. ownces.
 One payre of sylur sensers w^t a shyp* of sylvr weyng
 xxxvj. ounces.

One pyx of coper gyltyd.

A cope of cremyesyn Velvett.

One other cope of whytt damaske wythe decon & sub-
 deacon^t of ye sayme.

It'm a cope off blew damask w^t decon & subdecon to
 ye sayme.

It'm one cope of gold & velvett w^t decon & subdecon
 It'm one vestme^t of tawny syeke w^t decon & subdecon.
 I'tm iiiij. vestments for eurye day & ij. crosclothys of
 greyn sarsnet.

One [? Altar] clothe ij. lectron clothes & one pillow for
 ye altr.

A Vayll of lynnyn clothe xij. towylls v. belles in ye
 stepyll & a Sancts belle.

The churche chancell and steple coursed w^t leadde.

* A vessel formed like a ship in which incense is kept.

† The words "deacon" and "subdeacon" are here used in place of
 Dalmatic and Tunicle, vestments worn by the Epistoller and Gospeller.

Committed to the custodye and kepynge of Thomas Alcock Vicar there Thos. Tyngay Nicholas Isott & Will'm Scott.

J. SEYNT JOHN.	[URYAN] BREARTON.
LEWYS DYVE.	RYCHARD SNOWE.

HOUGHTON REGIS, No. 6.

The Inventorie indentid of all man^r of plate Iwells Vestments & bells belongynge to y^e paryshe church of howghton Regis in y^e Countye of Bedf. made y^e fyrste daye of September in y^e syxt yere of ower sufferayn lord Kynge Edward y^e syxth by y^e grace of God of yngland ffraunce & Ireland kynge defender of y^e fayth & in earth supp'm hed of y^e chyrch of yngland & Ireland & exhybyted by John Edwards & Rychard Webbe chyrch wardens & also Mothew pedder* Wyll'm Straunge & Thomas Wallys wit other townsmen.

Imprim's iij. chalyces of y^e wyche one is syluer dowble gylt waynge xxvij. ounces & y^e other ij. be syluer parcell gyltt waynge xxvj. ounces.

It'm of lattyn ij. crosses too pyxes a payre of sencers a pax † & ij. lattyn ca'dylstyks.

It'm two copes one of lynnen clothe & the other of Russett (‡) and ye other was stolen when ye chyrch wass robbed.

* Ink faded, almost illegible.

† A small tablet of ivory, of wood overlaid with gold or silver, or of some inferior metal, used in the Western Church for giving the kiss of peace during the offering of the Christian Sacrifice. The Pax ceased to be used when the Liturgy of 1549 came into use.

‡ Ink very much faded, interlined and mixed with other words, looks like "worsted."

It'm xiij. olld vestments & ij. other were taken away when ye churche wass robbed.

It'm iiiij. corporas cases & iij. of y^e clothes were stolen.

It'm iij. hangyngs & iiiij. linnen clothes vi. towells iiiij. surlyces & ij. rochetts & ij. chestes.

It'm a pawle of dyy's colors.

It'm iiij. bells & ye v. bell was not all payd for & therefore y^t wass sold to pay y^t.

The churche and steple cou'red w^t ledde.

Com'itted to the custodie and safe kepynge of John Edwards & Richard Webbe.

J. SEYNT JOHN. VRYAN BRERETON.

LEWYS DYVE. RICHARD SNOWE.

BATTLESYDEN, No. 10.

The Inventorie indented of all maner of plate jewells vestments & bells belongyng to the p'ysh church of batelysden in the Countie of Beds. made the se'nd day of September in the vith yere of the reyng of owre soureyng lord Kyng Edwardre the Syxte exhibyted by Michell *Iuint?* Curat Will'm Vincent Henry fyelde churchwardens John trapnell Nicholles fyelde Will'm Ebbs & Will'm orell townsmen.

Imp'im's of sylver p'cell gylte on chalice w^t a patent weyng xi. ounces iij. q'ters & i.

It'm a crosse of copper & gylte.

It'm iij. vestments oon of green sarcent oon of green sylke & oon other of whyte sylke.

It'm a cope of rede sylke.

It'm oon crosse clothe of green sylke.

It'm of lynnен vi. alter clothes & ij. towells iij. albes.

It'm ij. handbells.

It'm in the stepull of the churche iij. bells.
 It'm the churche and chancell leaded & the porches &
 the stepul tyeled.

Comytted to the custodye & saffe kepyng of Will'm
 Vincent & Henry fyeld.

J. SEYNT JOHN.	VRYAN BREARTON.
LEWYS DYVE.	RICHARD SNOWE.

FARNDYSH.

The Inventorie off the Churche goods off farndysh
 made the xvij. daye off August the syxt yere off our
 Soue'yn Lorde Edwarde the syxt by the grace of god off
 England france and Ireland Kyng defender off the ffaythe
 & in erthe off the Churche of England & Ireland sup'me
 hedde by Wyll'm Lordisman p'son off the same Edward
 John fysher Wyllm Wode churchewardens there and
 Rog'r Wyseman Reynolds bott John power off the sayd
 towne of ffarndyshe.

ffarndyshe ffirste one chalyce of sylver w^t a patent to
 the same weight xij. ounces & di.

One cope of dune velvett embrothered w^t gold one
 cope of whight sylke two vestments on off satyn of burg*
 thother of whight chamlet thre bells in the stepull & a
 sancts bell. The sayde churche off farndishe & the chancell
 ys coveryd our w^t ledde.

Com'itted to the custodie and safe kepinje of Will'm
 lordesman the p'sone ther John power and Willm Wode

J. SEYNT JOHN.	VRYAN BREARTON.
LEWYS DYVE.	RICHARD SNOWE.

* Query Bruges.

SANDY, Bundle 1392, Feb. 4, No. 1.

After com'endac'ons unto yo^r Worships the Kinge and the quene ma'ties Comyssioners Theshalbe to asplyn y^u for answeres accordynge to the tenor of your l're directed to us the Inhabitunts of the Towne and p'yshe of Sandeye in the County of Bedf. for ij. bells th'one wayeng x. cwt. i. qr. & ix. of bell metell and th'other wayeng vijc. xlvj. of bell metell wth said ij. bells were left in the churche yard of Sandeye by the Com'andeme't of Mr. Rob^t Burgoyn deceased then beyng one of the Kynge Ma'ties Audytors who had all the doynges of the exchaynge of y^u said ij. bells and y^{em} charged y^t no p'sone shulde medle with the same bells untill he sent for theym And said y^t he wold discharge us of y^{em} at all times so y^t were not charged w^t the said bells And so shortly after the dethe of the said M^r Burgoyn Dame Elizabethe Litton late wiff of y^u same Maister Burgoyn late wiff of S^r Rob^t Litton Knyght also deceasyd & now wyff unto M^r Thwynne comannded and caused one Michaell Hodgskyn of Brodwater in the p'yshe of Nebborthe [Knebworth] in the county of Hertf. y^{en} beyng bayley unto y^u said dame Elizabeth litton to sett the said ij. bells from Sandey aforesaid wth his cart unto Nebborthe aforesaid whereas the same lady litton y^{en} dwelled And y^u said Michaell hodgskyne saythe shortly after y^u said lady litton caused y^u same ij. bells to be carryed to London towards the payment of y^u detts of her said late husband M^r burgoyn And this the said Michaell hodgskyn who is a lyve at this p'sent will witness and testifie this before whomesoever he shall be called for steyn of us the said inhabytunce of Sandey were wth the said Michaell hodgskyn of late to have brought therym who like an honest man declayred no lesse unto us y^{en} is leforo sayde

And thus we the said Inhabytunts of Sandey who have subscrybed o^r hands here under written in the name of all y^e inhabitunts of y^e Towne & p^yshe of Sandey aforesaid have as well adv^tised yo^r Worships by whom the same ij. bells were taken away as also by what Auctoryte and further We cannot say as knowith god who have your Worships in his tuytion from Sandey this xijth of October 1556.

by yors to comaunde

THOMAS POTTER.	JOHN BROMSELL. X
WYLLIAM FFRANCKE.	ROGER ALDRYCHE.
THOMAS CATER.	WILL'M ADROPE.
JHON GAUSELL.	THOM'S UNDERWOOD.
THOMAS BRITTYN. X	THOM'S SPRING.
THOMAS OSWIN. X	RAFE BROMSELL.
WYLL'AM CARTON.	

Endorsement—

To the Right Worshipfull Mr Thomas Myldmay and oysrs the Kinge and quene ma'ties Comyssioners in the p^yshe of Saynt Thomas th' apostle in London give these etc.

HULCOTT, B 1392, File 2, No 9.

The Inventorie indentyd off all man^r of plate Jewells Vestments Ornamentes & books belongyng to the p^yryshe churche of hulcot in the Countie of beds made the last day of august in the syxt yere of the Reygne of our sov'ren lord Kynge Edward the syxt by the curat churche-wardens & dyvers other the discrete & most substancyall men of the said p^rishe appoynthyd for the same and also examyned by the Kyngs Maiesties Comyssioners in that behaff assigned whos names to either p^t of the said Inventorie ar subcrybyd—

In'p'mys one broken chalice of silv^r wth a patent p'cell
gylt weynge viij. ounces & i.d. It'm ij. alter clothes iiij.
towells.

It'm one crosse of copp'. It'm one crosse clothe of sylk.
It'm ij. Albes & one vestment red sey. It'm ij. latten
candelsticks.

It'm one latten basen. It'm one lamp of latten.

It'm a payre of senseres of latten. It'm a holywater
stop of laten.

It'm one coop of grene sylke. It'm one surssclothe
[? hearsecloth].

It'm iiij. lytell bells in the stepell the ferste bell in co'pas
a yeard one foot iiij. ynches, in depthe d^d yard ij. ynches, in
co'pas. the second i. yardde iiiij. ynches, in depthe d^d yard
vi. ynches. the thyrd in compase ij. yeards xij. ynches
depth d^d yeard viij. ynches.

It'm the seid churche & steple cou'yd w^t ledd & y^e chan-
cell & porche tylid.

Com'itted to the custodie & safe kepynge of Michell
Shopelier p'sone there Thomas Burton and Randoll Spencer.

J. SEYNT JOHN.	VRYAN BRERETON.
LEWYS DYVE.	RICHARD SNOWE.

EVERSOULT.—No. 11.

This Inventory indentyd of all man^r plate juells vest-
ments ornaments and bells belonging to the p'ryshe churche
of Eversoult in the countye of Bedforth made the ij. daye
of Septembre In the vith yere of the Reynge of our
souraying Edward the vith by the grace of god kyng of
England of ffrance and Ireland defender of the feayth and
in erthe sup'me hedd of the churche of Englande and

Ireland by the p'son John Slowgh the churchwardens
 Rych'e Whytbreade Thom's Butterfyld and the Townsmen
 Edmond Baylee gent Ambrose Gryggory Thom's Johnson
 and John Brett—

Inpr'm's one challes of sylver p'cell gylt wayinge vij.
 ownce iiij. quartes.

It'm one other challes of copper and gylte.

It'm ij. copes one blewe velvett th'other grene sylke.

It'm ij. vestyments one blewe velvett th'other grene
 sylke.

It'm xvth auter clothes and Towells.

It'm one sheate.

It'm vi. cortens of dornyx* whereof ys made iiij. playing
 coots [?copes].

It'm a coveryng for the auter of old tawny sylke.

It'm ann auter clothe of grene sylk wth is a coveryng
 for the ffunte. It'm ij. corporas cases of blacke velvett.

It'm ij. corporas clothes. It'm ii. sacrynge bells.

It'm an old hearse clothe. It'm in the steapull iiij. bells.

It'm the churche chauncell vestery and steapull are
 coveryd wth leade

Comytted to the custodye & saffe kepynge of Thom's
 Jonson John bust.

J. SENT JOHN.

LEWYS DYVE.

VRYAN BRERETON.

RICHARD SNOWE.

SALFORD.—No. 12.

The Inventory indentyd of all man^r of plate, jewells
 vestme'ts & bells belongyng to the p'yshe church of
 Salford in ye Count' of bedff. maid the second day of
 Septe'br in the syxt yere of y^e Reyne of or Sovereyn lord

* tuff made at Dorlick or Tournay.

Edward the Syxt by y^e grace of god by y^e curat church-wardens & dyu's other of the dyscrete & most substa'cyall me' of the said p'yshe appoynted for the same And also examyned by y^e Kyngs Mai^{sts} Comyssyoners in that behalf assigned whose nams to eyther p't of y^e said inve'tory are subscrybd.

The names of y^e p'senters

Roger Brough Vicar,

thomas odell } Church

John lovell townesma'

George townes } Wardens.

Impr'is one chalece & one patent of sylur^r p'cell gylt weyng ix ouncts.

It'm of laten one crosse & ij ca'delsticks one crosse clothe of grene sylk & one ban^r clothe of grene sylk.

It'm iiiij vestme'ts one of blew velvett one of whyte sylk & ij of rede & whyte & ij copes one of rede sylk & one of dyu's colours.

It'm in ye steple of ye said church iiij bells the great bell in co'pas too yeards & d^l in deapth iiij q'rt's & a nayle the second in co'pass ij yerds & a q'rt in deapth iiij q'rt the third in co'passe ij yerds in deapth iiiij q'rt save a nayle.

It'm ye said church & steple cou'ryd w^t lede & the cha'cell & porch tyled.

It'm ij hande bells.

Comytted to the custodie & safe kepyng of Roger Broughe Vicare there John Odell & Thomas Buter.

J. SEYNT JOHN.

VRYAN BRERETON.

LEWYS DYVE.

RICHARD SNOWE.

MEPPERSHALL.

After ower hertye comendac'ons fforas muche as we ar

credddebely informed that you conynselye* reteygne in youre hands certeyn churche goods somtyme belongyng to the p'ysshe churche of mepersale in the countye of Bedd. Thise shalbe therfor to requyre you And on the kynge and the quenes maiestyes behalffe streythe to comaunde you by the vertue of there highness comyssyon to us directed that you p'sonallye appere before us att Westm^r in the late Augmentacon courte the thyrde daye of the nexte Trynytee t'rme to make answere to such poyntes & artycles as then shalbe objected ageynst you consuyng the said goods ffayle you nott hereof at your p'ylle from Westm^r the xvith of Maye 1556.

yor lovyng ffrends

WILL'M BERNERS. GEO. MILDAM. JOHN WYSEMAN.

Endorsed—

To Thom's Stryger of Mepersale in the countye of Bedd. yoman be thys delyve'd.

Ornaments belongyng to the churche of Mep'sale & solde & deleyvrd by Thom's Stringer of the same.

ffyrste one chalesse p'cell gylte solde unto
Leonard daye for xx crowness somm. } iiiij*i.* xix*s.*

It'm one cope & a vestment of redd velvett
Sold to Henrye Graye. } xxv*s.*

It'm one handebelle solde to Leonard daye xvjd.

It'm the sam Thom's detaynth the veile
the coveringe for the roode & the canepye
of clothe & frenged wth sylke.

M^m the same Thomas shal be bounden by
yo' to p'uyde a new canapie of sarcenett on
satten of badger on thirsde the ffirst of Aug.

* This word very illegible.

The same Thom's dyd deface a grayle*
belongyng to the said churche & he hath
also teyne other albes and alter clothes &
will not restore the same And when the
pore demande the same he revileth them
And caleth them begarlye knaves & evill
entretheth them.

(An item very illegible is valued at) xxiiij*s* iii*d.*
a Suma vi*li* xii*s* vii*j.*

Exhibited by Willm Rolf of Mep'sall.

M^d the comyssion's certfyfycate of Beddfordshyre beyng
serched the xixth daye of June ann' ij^{do} & iij^{do} it apperyth
that lviiij*s* viijd for the broken chalyce the cope of taffyt
& latten was p'd to the comyssyon's hands by the said
Thomas Strynger and is chardged w^t in the somme of
ccvij*s* iiij*d* for the churche goods of Beddfordeshyre.

The declaration of Thomas Strynger of Mep'sale wthin the countie of Bedf. yoman of for & conc'nyng hys dyscharge of any churche goods supposed to be by hym defrauded contrarye &c. Imp'mis the said Thomas sayeth aboughte a vj ^{to} or viij ^{to} yeares past that he the seid Thomas & on Gowther Parker yoman of the same towne nowe decessyd were then churche wardens of the seid churche of Mepsall & at suche tyme & when they were co'manded by the Kyngs Comyssyoners at that time appoynted to cu' before them & to bryng wth them a lawfull Inventory of all suche churche goodds & stocks of money as then were belongyng unto the churche of the seid p'ysshe where of they then as churche wardens was

* The Gradual or Grayle was a volume containing all the musical portions of the service for Mass.

charged wth all where upon the said churche wardens among other many churche wardens of other p'rysshess dyd not only appeare at Luton but also at Cly'ton & at the seid town of Clyfton then dyd delyvr unto on S^r Michaell ffyssher knyght & other then comyssyon's appoynted on certen Inventory of all the churche goodds at that tyme belonginge the same churche of Mep'sale aforesaid yn the w^{ch} Inventory were conteyned all thes p'cells followynge that ys to saye on Chales wth a patent a black velvett cope wth a vestment to the same belonginge a Redd saten cope & a whyte vessment to the same wth certeyn awbes & aulter clothes the nu'ber of the wiche certenly are not yn ther knowledge & also v bells And also expressed yn the seid Inventory at the same tyme that the churche was ledded and the channcell tyled And as for the seid stocks of money above specyfied to his remembrance he sayethe dothe amounte unto xxxs or xl^s or there aboughts w^{ch} was delyue'd by the seid churche wardens unto the ordenary long before the makyng of the said Inventory and farder the seid Thomas sayethe that after the seid Inventory p'sented & before any goods delyv'ed by the vertewe of the same Inventory that the seid Gowther Parker and the seid Thomas Strynger upon ther occompts makyng & were dyscharged & on John Strynger & Harry Meade then newly elected & chosen churcewardens & after w^{ch} election & aboughte a iij yeres past they were comaunded amonge other to appeare before newe comyssioners then for the ornament of the churche appoynted for to appeare before them at Bedf. wth all the ornaments before specyfied wth in the said Inventory at wth tyme the seid churchwardens then beyng dyd make delyuer accordingly as all other churche wardens were compelled to do the lyke & the same

And this the seid Thomas Strynger sayeth & more yn the p'miss he cannot say trustynge that yt ys suffycyent for his de'laration.

And forasmuche as yt ys to be supposed that one John Seventhorpe the elder gent of Mep'sale aforeseid shold be on of the p'curers of this byll agenst hym he sayeth he must needs utter thyngs agenst the seid Seventhorpe that he wold not gladly have done excepte co'mandment had compelled to do ther unto of for & conc'nyng the ymbeaselynge of certeyn goods wch neyur were put into the Intoventory [*sic*] & all by the tell & doyng of the seid Seventhorpe wth p'cells so ymbeaceled by the seid Seventhorpe be as after followthe:—

Imp'mis he had a saunce bell hangynge in the belfrey & counted the same to his owne use & neyuer payd on peny therfore and by estymacon worthe to be solde iiiij. marks or ther aboughts.

It'm he had yn lyke mann^r a whyte satten cope braunched & a vestment to the same worthe vⁱⁱ. to be bought & payd therfore neu^r a penny.

It'm he had ij. other vestments on of Lyons blewe & whyte & the other Redd satten prycce to be sold xls. or there aboughts.

And farder sayethe that when he & an other ioyned wth hym as churchewardens made awaye in his tyme so beyng made away a gate house to his own commodities only worth viij. or viijs. And also consumed the stocke of a iiiij. marks or there aboughts of redy money & neu^r wold accompt unto the p'rysshe for any peny therof nor neu^r at this day for any thyng that the p'ysshe could do And also kepe the churche bels from them for that yntent wherby the p'rysshe ys hyndered for thes thyngs for the

p'fett of the same And for asmyche farder as the folle
 treuthe shall appear the seid Thomas declarethe farder
 what things have been don by the folle consent of the
 p'rysshe at & before the makynge of the fyrst Inventory
 that ys to say they dyd sell an old broken chales & there
 made to the use of the same p'rysshe churche iiiij*l.* of
 redy money And p'te of the seid money bestowed after-
 wards by consent & advyse of the Ordynary for the Rely-
 effe of the poore of the p'rysshe & the rep'ac'ons of the
 churche And at the delyu'e of the churche goods the Com-
 yssyoners dyd cast the seid p'rysshe yn arrerage for the
 seid churche goods iiij*l.* savyng e viii*d.* w^{ch} money was payd
 owte of hand befor the retorne of the Comyssioners and
 what shyfts the seid p'rysshe by ther holle consents dyd
 make for the helpe of themselfes for the repayment agen
 of that money that was payd the seid Thomas Strynger
 do remytt that vnto the reporte of the hoolle p'ysshe &
 nothyng was don in the p'miss but only the said Seven-
 thorpe was made pryve thereunto & so an ende and more
 the seid Strynger sayethe not for this tyme nor more can-
 not saye otherwyse than the holle p'rysshe do knowe.

After moost hertye com'endacons this shalbe to sygnfyе
 onto yo' all that where lately yoe dyrected your l'res yn
 all yo^r thre names vnto a neyghbor of myne on Thomas
 Strynger of Mepersale wth in the Shyere of Bedf. yoman
 wyllynge hym and also on the Kynge & the Quenes behalfe
 straytly do comaunde hym to appeare before yor p'sonally
 at West^r yn the late augmentacon courte the fyrst daye of
 Trynytie Terme to make answer to such poynts & artycles
 as then shall be objected ageynst hym concernynge the
 churche goods And this yor doyng as y^t shold seme to be
 by vertewe if ther highnes comyssyon as by yor l'res dat'

the xvith of May more playnly apperethe please the you all to understande that the p'curers of this byll be not neyther frynds nor lovers unto the seid Strynger but only that that they do yf y^t were for the zeale of Iustyce orclls for any goodde wyll that they have towards the furnyture of ther churche they were worthye Su' prayse' as I do knowe the qualytyes of thos p'sons to be to the contrary & that they do y^t of pure malyce And that wyll su'what appeare by the delyu'e of yo^r l'res for they neu^r delyu'd them untyll Weddysday last next before the day of apparaunce & yet they be all of a Towne dwellynge And forasmyche as my neyghbor ys an olde man and not vsed to journey And that also I unworthely amonge other of the worshypful as I suppose are yn lyke comyssyon wth in ow^r shyre of Bedf. of & for the churche goodds & other thyngs I have called the said p'tie before me and have declared the contents of yo^r l'res before hym & uppon dewe examynation therin had before me & other of the comyssyon haue taken his answer concernynge the p'miss yn wrytyng to the yntent to take suche order eyther by yo^r or by us accordynge as occasion shall s'ue uppon the seid answer wiche answer at my cumynge upp wth in a day or twoo yn the begynnyng of this Terme I shall shewe unto yo^r all trustynge yn the meane tyme that yoe wyll not be offended for hys non apparence. Thus byddynge yoe all most hertely farewell from Alrichesey [Arlesey] the iij^d of June by yo^r assuryed at all tymes to comaunde.

J'PH HEMYNGE.

Indorsed—

To the Ryghte worshypfull Willm Berners Thomas Myldmay and John Wyseman Esquyers and to eu'y of them at London be this deliuered.

HUSBAND CRAWLEY, File 2, No. 4.

The Inventorye indentyd of all mann^r of plate vestyments & bells belongyng to the sayd p'ryshe chyrche in ye countye of bedford made fyrste day of Septe'bre in y^e syxte yere of the Rayne of ou^r sov'yne lord Kyng Edward the syxte by y^e curat churchwardens & dyvers other of the discret & substancyall men of the sayd p'ryshe appoynted for the same.

- Impr'mis a chalyce of Tynne.
- It'm a crosse of copper.
- It'm of lynnен iiiij alter clothes.
- It'm ij hangyngs before ye Alt'.
- It'm iiiij olde lynnен clothes.
- It'm i buckram hangyng.
- It'm iiij vestyments on of blue veluet.
- It'm another of red sylke and ye thyrd of satten.
- It'm iiij copies on of satten & ij of lynnен.
- It'm oon crosse clothe of Red sylke.
- It'm the sayd chyrche & stepul is ledded and the chancell and the porche is tyled.
- It'm i handbell & a sawnce bell.
- Thes men beyng p'sent at the makynge of thys Inventorye :—
- Thomas Byrde, Clerke.
- Thomas Allyn, John Matthew, Chyrche wardens.
- Nycolas Abbat, Rychard Syare.
- Henrie Matthew, Wyll'm Pottens.
- It'm in y^e steple of y^e sayde chyrche iiiij bells The grete bell in bredithe iiij foote & halfe A inche in depthe ij foote & v inches & in thyckness iiij inches The second in bredthe iiij foote viij inches in depthe iiij foote ij inches iiij q'ters in thyckness ij inches & iiij q'ters of an inche.

The thyrde in bredthe ij foote v inches in depthe ij foote & halfe and inche and in thyckness ij inches & a halfe The fourthe bell in bredthe ij foote i inche in depthe ij foot v inches and in thycknes ij & a q'ter of a inche.

Comytted to to the custodie & saffe kepyng of Thomas Birde Vicar there Thom's Alyn & John Mathew.

J. SEYNT JOHN.	VRYAN BRERETON.
LEWYS DYVES.	RICHARD SNOWE.

No. 7.—STACKEDENE.

The Inventory endented of all the ornaments & chyrche goods there remaynyng beyng p'sented before the Kyngs maties commissionr's. by Robt. Slynysby clerke vycar there Thomas Golston Gent. Wyll'm Bolton Alexander yerle Wyll'm Money Inh'itants of the same towne at Bedford the xvijth day of Augустe in the syxte yere of the Rayne of ou^r Soureyn lorde Kynge Edward the syxte, &c.

Ryc. Cooke
George Samson } Chyrchewardens.

Imp'mis one chalyce of silu^r p'cell gilte weyng xvi. ownces.

It'm one crosse of latten gylted.

It'm one sylke cope a chesable* and one amys † wth an albe.

It'm ij frunts & ij auter frunts of sylke.

It'm ij corporas case one of clothe of golde & thother of velvett.

* The distinctive sacrificial vestment of the Holy Eucharist.

† An oblong piece of fine linen, sometimes ornamented with a strip of embroidery, worn by the clergy round the neck over the cassock when vesting for celebration.

It'm one sute of redde vestyments wth a cope of sylke.
It'm ij coffers.

It'm iiiij bells in the steple.

The chyrche & the steple cou'd wth leade and the
chauncell coured wth tyle & slate.

Com'tted to the custodye & saff kepyng of Rob^t.
Slyngsbye vicar ther Thomas Golston and Willm Bolton.

J. SEYNT JOHN. VRYAN BRERETON.

LEWYS DYVE. RYCHARD SNOWE.

WILLINGTON.—Bundle 1392, File 3, No. 1.

After our humble commendacones to you where in the
certificate by your L[ordship] and other comesson^{rs} in the
tyme of our late sovrayne lorde kynge Edwarde the sixth
concerning church goods hit apperith that Thom's Verney
of Willington in the Countie of Bedf. Esquyre who maryd
the wyff of Wyll'm Gostwyk Esquyre late Brother to S^r
John Gostewyk her late husbond ys to answer for a crosse
of sylver gylte and payre of cruetts of sylver solde for
xviiiijⁱⁱ and a cope of clothe of golde w^t vestment deacon
and subdeacon worth by estimac'on xxⁱⁱ one chalice p. oz.
xvi. oz., a suyte of vestmentss of white damask for
Liiis. iiijd. for the whiche the same Thom's Verney was
called before us by vertue of comission to us in that
addressed and forasmuche as he hath alledgedy by his
counsell that the said plate and ornaments were not
app'teynyng to the churche of Willington nor were not
at any tyme taken or knownen to be the goods of the said
church But were the goods of S^r John Gostwyk Knyght
and were many tymes by his commandment brought from
the dwellinge house of the said S^r John Gostwyke to the

Churche of Willington aforesaid tyme of the devyne S'vice ther and accustomably used to be recaryed to the said howse and that also they do alledge they never were bequethed nor geven to the said church by the said S^r John Gostwyk And were p'sented onely of malice by the late vicar ther which p'tely is touched in yo^r certificate Hit maye lyke you calling the said M^r Verney before you the Vycare thereof & the p'yshioners of Willington aforsaid to examine the trothe of this matter And therepon to signifie to us by your l'res to thende that we maye further p'cede in their Maiesties s'vice to us comytted as therby we may take order w^t the said Mr. Verney or any other whom the same shall concerne. And so lokynge fur the Reacon of yor answer herin in the begynnyng of the last of Julie next we take our leave of you ffrom Westm^r the viijth of May 1576.

Yours assur'dly,

WILLIAM BERNERS, THO. MILDMAY, JOHN WYSEMAN.

The names of the preventers of the goods plate and jewells of the parish of Willington aforsaid, John Bostwik,* gent. Robert Osmond John Cowper John Smalle late vicar concerning the premises And certified under thands of the Commiss'r in the Countie of Bedf.

S^r John Sentjohn Knight, Joh' Gascoyne K., Evan [Uryan] Brereton Knight, Nich. Luke Esquyer, John Sentjohn Esquyer.

Endorsed as follows—

To the Right Hon'able the Lorde Mordaunt, S. John St. John Knyght, Nicholas Luke Esquyer, one of the Barones of the Kinge & Quenes Maiesties Exchequer Lewes Dyve Esquyer to three or ij of them.

* Gostwick.

File 3, No. 2.

Right wourshipfull pleaseth y^t you to be adv'tysed that according to the tenor of your letter unto us directed we have taken the sayengs of souche p'sons as we thought had mooste knolege in the matter wherunto they have sette their handes whyche we have sente you herein inclosed with the same letter and for so mouche as we can p'seave y^t was done but in malyce. Thus we bid you mooste hertelie farewell

NICHOLAS LUKE,
LEWYS DYVE.

Endorsed—

To the Right Worshipfull Mr Berners & other the Kyngs & Quenes Maities Comyssioners this to &c.

File 3, No. 3.

S^r Will'm Wardd al's Biddenham Clerk, of thage of lxxvij yeares or theraboute sworn and examined that he kepinge the cure ther a year and a half in S^r John Gostwiks tyme and chapleyne ther in the house for the space of xvij years deposethe that as touching the cooppe vestme't deacon and subdeacon of clothe of gold and suett of vestments of whight damaske specyfied and mentioned in the same pres'ntment he of his own proper knowledge never knewe none suche ther duringe all his abide ther And as to the crosse of silver and gilt enameled a payr of cruetts of silver a chalece of sylver and parcell gilt he deposethe that the same wer the proper goods of the same S^r John Gostwike and were brought to the churche upon hieth ffestivall days and at night caried home again to the Mannor house as the proper goods of the same S^r John also he wolde lend certein of them to certin other townes

wher he was Lord of and brought home againe to his house at night And also the said S^r John nev^r in his lyfetyme did give sell nor bequethe neyther the said cross cruettts nor chalice of silver nor any of them to the churche of Willington aforsaid nor to the churchwardens ther to the use of the said churche by worde wyll nor wrytinge for he saith he was with the same S^r John untyll he dyed. And further he deposethe that throught the craftiness of one Will'm Nyxe ther beinge parisse clerk and after him one John Dames being als' p'ishe clerk ther was certain vestments or ornaments embeseled to the value of iiiij^{or} pounds or ther abouts wherupon the said S^r John commanded a Inventory to be made that if in case any of them at any time after wer lakinge that the clerk for the tyme beinge and the churchwardens also shuld be always answerable to the said S^r John Gostwick for the same And that in co'firmation of this p'nt deposition the said S^r Willm Wardd hath here unto subscribed his name withe his owne proper hand by me WILL'M WARDD Clerk, NICHOLAS LUKE, LEWYES DYVE.

Thomas Leigh of Caldewell in the Countie of Bedd. Esquier of thage of xl yeres or theraboute sworn and examined deposed That from the xxixth yere of the raigne of Kynge Henry the Eight until the daie of the dethe of S^r John Gostwik he was for the most parte restaunt & abidying w^t the saide S^r John Gostwik and as to the crosse of silver gylt a pair of crowettts of same and the chalice of silver and p'cell gylt mentioned in a p'sentment to him redde he deposeth and saieth that the same were the mere propre goods of S^r John Gostwik And never at any tyme by the lyfe of the saide S^r John by him geven nor bequethed nether to the Churche of Willington nor yet to

the churchwardens there nor to any other p'sone or p'sones there to the use of the saide churche as he doth very certeinlye know But he saith that the said Sr John meny tymes of a devoute mynd wold comyt and assigne the said crosse cruetts and chalice to be caried used & occupied to & in the church of Willington on holydaies and solemp feasts and that at night they were brought home to his own house there and alwaies remayned in the charge and custodye of his s'vant as p'cell of his mere propre goods and plate And also he further saith as to the cope vestem't decon and subdeacon of clothe of golde and the suits of vestem'ts of white damaske me'tioned and specified in the said p'sentm't That durante all the saide tyme of his abode w^t the saide Sr John he nev^r knew nor saw any suche in the custodye or possession of the said Sr John And that in co'firmation of this pr't deposicion the said Thomas Leigh hathe hereunto subscribed his name w^t his own propre hande

p. me THOMAS LEIGH manu' p'ria.

NICHOLAS LUKE, LEWYES DYVE.

John Smalle preste vyc'r of Kempston & late vyc'r of Wyllyngton in the count' of Bedf. sayeth upon hys honesty and fydelyte that he never knew or dede kno any maner of gyfte of the cross of sylver & gylte the crewts chalys or the vestments & suite of cloth of golde & damaske to the chyrche of Wyllynton aforesayde but sayeth that the seyde ornaments weere used in the seyde chyrche on hye dayes and where brought from the house of Will'm Gostwyke & so caryed home agein when su'vece whas done And further sayeth that the p'sentm't wych he consented unto whas onleye upon the p'sentm't of John Gostwycke John myten & Thomas Myten he seyde

p'syley* that ther whas a gyfte made by S^r John Gostwicke & seyd ther whas an Inventorye theyrof made But of hys knolege he knew none for y^t whas before he whas vyker ther and thus he sayeth to be the Treoth.

By me Syr Tho. SMALL,

NICHOLAS LUKE,

LEWYES DYVE.

Robert Osmond of Wylyngton one [of ye] seyd p'sentors sayeth that on hys fydelyte that he never knew the forsayde ornaments nor no part of them nor never knew of any gyfte or Inventorye of the same but sayeth that p'sentm^t wych he joyned wyth the others whas only upon the saying of john gostwycke & Thomas myten for he sayeth he whas but su'vant wyth john myten in S^r John gostwyck tyme in the seyd towne & this he wylle abyde bye at all tymes.

NICHOLAS LUKE,

LEWYES DYVE.

John Couper of the seyd towne of Wylyngton & one of the seyde p'sentors sayeth on hys honesty in all things savyng he hath sene them or caryed in the chyrch & so caryed into the house of S^r John Gostwycke As Robert Osmond afore hathe sayde that he wylle stonde unto

JHON COWP' NICHOLAS LUKE,

LEWYES DYVE.

Will'm Deny of Bletso in the County of Bedford yoman of th'age of ffyfty yeares somtymes servaunt to S^r John Gostwik deceased sworn examined deposethe that as touchinge the copp^e vestment deacon and subdeacon of clothe of golld worthe xx^d or above the suett of vestments

* This word is very crabbed but must be taken to be meant for "pre-
dictely."—J. G. R.

of whight damaske price iiiij^m marks specified and me'tioned in the said presentment he of his proper notice certainly knowethe that the said S^r John gostwik hadd none such in his possession duringe the space of viij yeares before his dethe And as to the crosse of syllver and gyllt enamelled a payre of cruetts of sillver a chalece of syllver & parsell gillt he deposethe that the same S^r John Gostwik hadd of his own proper goods and sometymes the said S^r John wolld comawnd the same at hie the ffestivall days to be brought to the churche to the greter honor & glory of god and at every suche tyme he wolld have the same crosse cruetts and chalice broughte home in to his house of Willington at or before night of the same day and the same were keppt in the custody of him that had the rest of his plate and accompted of all men as his own propre goods and platte And also that the said S^r John never in his liff tyme did gev sell nor bequethe neither the said crosse cruetts nor chalice of sillver nor any of them to the church of Willington aforesaid nor to the churchwardens ther to th'use of the said churche by word wyll nor wryting for he sayethe he was withe and abouthe the same S^r John untyll he dyed And that in co'formation of his p'nt desposition the said Will'm Deny hathe hereunto subscribed his name with his owne propre hand.

WILL'M DEN'

NICHOLAS LUKE.

LEWYS DYVE.

Will'm Ffayry of Willington in the County of Bedford yoman of th'agge of fifty yeares or ther abouthe and howshold servaunte withe S^r John Gostwike for the space of xiiij years and after p'isshioner in the same towne xiiij yeares sworn and examyned deposethe that as touching the coppe vestment deacon and subdeacon of clothe of gold

The suet of vestments of whight damask specifyed and mentioned in the same presentment he of his propre notice never knew none such ther all the said space and as to the crosse of silver & gillt enamelled a payre of cruetts of silver a chalice of silver and p'cell gillt he deposethe that thei were the propre goods of the said S^r John Gostwick and somtymes the said S^r John wold lend them to the churche upon ffestivall days and ther to be used and occupied and at night brought home againe to the Manor house farther he saythe that in all the said space he never hard that the said S^r John did gyve sell nor bequethe neither the said crosse cruetts nor chalice of silver nor any of them to the churche of Willington aforesaid nor to the churchwardens there to the use of the said churche by word wyll nor wrytnge for he hath co'tinued in the same towne the space of xxvij yeares. Also the said Will'm saithe that one John Dawes sometyme being clerk ther and Will'm Bangle churchwarden lost certain vestme'ts wherupon S^r John Gostwick com'anded a Inventory to be mad that the clerk for the tyme beinge shulld be accomptable at all tymes for the same And that in confirmatio' of this present deposition the said Will'm ffayry have sett to his hand. *

NICHOLAS LUKE.

LEWYSS DYVE.

Thomas Smalwodd of Willington in the County of Bedf. yoman being of th'agge of xl yeares or theraboute dwellinge and abidinge in Willington for the space of xxx yeares sworn and examyned that as touchinge the coppe of vestment deacon and subdeacon of clothe of gold The

* At the foot of this deposition is a scrawl which indicates that this Fairy could not write.—J. G. R.

suet of vestments of whighte damaake specyfied and mentioned in the same presentment he of his propre notice never knewe none such ther duringe all the said tyme And as to the crosse of silver and gillt enameled a payre of cruetts of sillver a chalice of silver and p'cell gyllt he deposethe that thei wer at all tymes the goods & plat of Sr John Gostwike and at all tymes remayninge in the Manore house sauinge upon certein fwestivall days hit was brought to the churche and ther occupied & used and at night brought home againe and that Sir John Gostwike in all his lif time ded nether geve sell nor bequethe the said crosse cruetts or chalice of silver nor any of them to the churche of Willington aforsaid nor to the churchwardens ther to th'use of the said churche by wordd wyll nor wrytyng And that in conformatyon of this p'nt depotision the said Thomas hathe herunto sett to his hand.*

NICHOLAS LUKE.

LEWYES DYVE.

Henry ffisher of Rowhall in the County of Bedford yoman beinge of th'agge of xl ix yeares or theraboute somtymes servaunt to Sr J'hn Gostwike Knight decessed sworn & examyned deposythe that as touchinge the coppe vestment deacon and subdeacon of clothe of gold The suet of vestments of whight damaske specified and mentioned in the sayd presentmente he of his propre notice never knewe none suche ther duringe the space of xvij yeares for so longe he hathe been servaunt and always restyaunt in the house of Willington And as to the crosse of sillver and gyllt enameled a payre of cruetts of sillver a chalice of silver and parcell gilt he deposythe that the same Sr

* Not Signed by Deponent.—J. G. R.

John Gostwike hadd of his own propre goods and somtymes the said S^r John wold comaund the same at hie the ffestyvall days to be brought to the churche and ther to be sett upon the hie the allter and used & occupied to the better adorninge and decoratinge of the said church and at every such tyme he wold have the same crosse cruetts and chalice brought home into his house of Willington at or befor night of the same day and the same were keppte in the custody of him that hadd the rest of his plate and wer accompted of all men as his owne p'pre goods & platte Also that the said S^r John never in his lif did geve sell nor bequethe neyther the said crosse cruetts nor chalice of silver nor to the churche nor to the churchwardens ther to th'use of the said churche by wordd will nor wrytinge for he saythe he was wyth and abouthe the same S^r John untill he dyed And that in co'firmation of this p'nt deposition the said henry ffisher hathe hereunto subscribed his name with his own propre hand.

NICHOLAS LUKE,

HARRY FFYSSHHER.

LEWYES DYVE.

Will'm Bingham of Willington in the countie of Bedford yoman being of th'agge of liii yeares or ther abouthe and clerke of the same p'isshe for the space of xi yeares or ther abouthe sworn and examyned that as touchinge the coppes of gold vestment deacon and subdeacon of clothe of gold The suet of whight vestments of whight damask pre^t iiiij^{or} marks he is very certein and sure that ther was none such du'inge all the sayd space of xi years and as to the crosse of sillver and gillt enamelyd a payre of cruetts of sillver a chalice of sillver and parcell gillt he deposethe that thei wer at all tymes remayinge in the house and sometyme upon ffestivall days brought to the churche and

ther occupied to the setting fforthe of gods service and at night brought home againe to the Manore house and that hit was never accompted ne' taken as none of the churchis of Willington ne' none of the p'isshē at any time mad cleim thereof untill now of late and that in confirmation of his p'nt deposition the said Will'm hathe subscribed his name with his owne hand.

WYLL'M BYNGHAM.

NICHOLAS LUKE

LEWYES DYVE.

John Croker of Willington in the county of Bedford servingman of th'agge of forty years or ther aboute comynge to service to Willington house immediately after the deathe of S^r John Gostwik and ther hathe co'tynued for the space of xi years sworn and examyned that as touchinge the coppe vestmente Deacon and subdeacon of clothe of gold The suett of vestments of whight damaske he certeinly knoweth that at suche tyme as M^r Will'm Gostwik did enter into the house and goods of S^r John Gostwike that ther was no suche ther for he was ther presente at the delyvery of the same And as touching the crosse of sylver & gyllt enamelled a payre of cruetts of sylver a chalice of sylver and parcell gillt he deposethe that the said Will'm Gostwik hadd them allways in his house as his owne p'pre goods and somtyme at hieth ffestivall days wold coma'd them to be brought to the churche ther by one of his serva'ts or elles by the clerk and ther to be occupued and used to the better may'tening of gods service and to the bewtifyinge of the churche and at night thei were all brought home againe unto the Manor house at or before night of the same day for he saythe that he hathe deliured them and receved them dyvers and sundry tymes to the churche and from the churche and that in all the said

space of xi yeares was never accompted as any of the churchis nether never none of the p'ishe made any claime unto them untill nowe of late one John Gostwik with other of a malitious and devlisshe mynd intendyng to put the said S^r Thomas Verney and the Lady Anne his wif to troble did cause this same presentment to be made and sett forthe as it is evidently knownen bothe in the towne and also in the countrey notwithstandinge the said John Gostwike did set forthe a contrary presentment and was sworn himself to the same before ffrancis pigotte Esquier Edward peke George Ackworthe and John Colbecke gent. com'is- sioners. And that in confirmation of this deposition the said John hath subscribed his name with his owne propre hand.

p'me JOHANNEM CROKER.

NYCHOLAS LUKE,

LEWYES DYVE.

J. G. R.

It is a matter for regret that so few of these Inventories have come down to us, the fourteen above given being all, I believe, that remain out of some hundred and twenty. The Commission was issued in May, 1552, and the Inventories taken between August and December of the same year by the Commissioners appointed for that purpose, viz:—S^r John S^t John, of Bletsoe, Knight; Lewis (after Sir Lewis) Dive, of Bromham, Knight; Sir Uryan Brereton, and Richard Snowe, of Chicksands, whose daur. Rebecca was the wife of William Gery, of Bushmead. The Commission did not affect the law relating to the Church Vestments and Ornaments in use, being issued with a view to complete the system of spoliation inaugu- rated on a larger scale by Hen. VIII., and to check the

wholesale system of plunder carried on by those ill-affected towards the Church, examples of which may be found in the foregoing pages. The inventories, however, that have come down to us are useful as showing what Vestments and Ornaments were in use in 1552, and consequently a considerable portion of the Ornaments which were in use in 1549, the year referred to in the Ornaments Rubric in the Prayer Book. According to the Commissioners' Certificate the value of the Church goods noted in the Inventories for this county appears to have amounted to £308 0s. 4d. Other valuable information may be gleaned from these inventories, such as the names of the vicars, the number of the bells, &c. It will also be seen that the churches were not all equally well furnished ; Houghton Regis, for instance, possessing a great variety of furniture, notwithstanding its having been robbed, while Farndish and Willington appear to have possessed but few things ; Hulcott, again, appears with a broken chalice, Husborne Crawley being reduced to one of tin ! while Eversholt had one of copper. Two chalices seem to have been the ordinary number, one perhaps for the High Altar and the other for the side altar.. Summarizing the foregoing inventories the following figures are obtained. Altar cloths, 44 ; Altar frontals, 19 ; Banner, 1 ; Basins, 2 ; Bells, 48 ; Candlesticks, 8 ; Canopies, 1 ; Censers, 10 ; Chalices, 19 ; Chests, 4 ; Copes, 38 ; Corporas cloths, 9 ; Crosses, 12 ; Cross cloths, 8 ; Cruetts, 2 ; Handbells, 8 ; Hanging cloths, 11 ; Herse cloths, 4 ; Holy-water Stoups, 1 ; Lamps, 1 ; Lectern cloths, 2 ; Patens, 5 ; Pax, 1 : Pillows, 5 ; Pyxes, 4 ; Sacring bells, 4 ; Sanctus bells 6 ; Ships, 1 ; Towells, 36 ; Vails, 1. Of Vestments there were :— Albes, 6 ; Amices, 1 ; Chasuble, 1 ; Copes, 38 ; Dalmatica,

5; Rochets, 4; Suits of Vestments, 2; Surplices, 6; Tunicles, 5; Vestments, 57 (these were probably chasubles). It will be noted that no Missals or Breviaries are mentioned, these having been destroyed by order of an act of Parliament in the year 1549. In the eighth year of Queen Elizabeth, 1566, a fresh commission was issued to take account of the Vestments and Ornaments then remaining in use, from which we learn that nearly everything was by that time either destroyed or sold.

F. A. B.

**STREATLEY.—EXTRACTS FROM THE PARISH
REGISTERS.**

By the courtesy of the vicar, the Rev. G. H. Moxon, I have been enabled to make the following extracts from the parish registers. The earliest register appears to be missing, as the oldest now in existence does not go back earlier than 1693. There are many entries of genealogical value, and amongst those that are curious is one which for its quaint brevity could not well be surpassed; it reads thus:—"1769. Dec 4. Bury'd master Toby."! Again, in 1773 is recorded the baptism of a negro 13 years of age, probably brought over by Edward Tyley, of the island of Antigua, who, in 1771, married Penelope Smyth. I have only noted one other negro baptism in the registers of this County, and that occurs in the Battlesden registers. The Smyth family appear to have acquired the Sharpenhoe estate in 1673, as by an Indenture dated Jan. 26th, 1673, William Wheeler of Pulloxhill s. & heir of William Wheeler of Silsoe conveyed to Hugh Smyth of Sharpenhoe, son & heir app. of James Smyth of Broughton, Co.

Bucks., & of Elizabeth his wife certain lands in Sharpenhoe, Streatley, Sundon, Harlington, and Barton. In 1646, Jan. 8th, an indenture was made between Gravely Norton of Offley, Herts., Thomas Coppyn of Market Cell, & Ralph Skynner of Hitchin of the first part, who in consideration of the sum of £3,050 conveyed the Sharpenhoe estates to Anthony Cross of Gray's Inn, Henry Piggott of Nether Gravenhurst, and William Wheeler of Silsoe of the second part.

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*1691. May 3.—John Digby was born the 19th day of March Anno Dom: 1691, and was baptised the 3rd of May following.

1693. Oct. 27,—Tho: Dix, s. of Tho: Dix & Eliz: his wife was baptised.

1693. Nov. 19,—George Ross, s. of Edward Ross & Ann his wife was baptised.

1694. July 18,—Robert Handscomb, s. of John Handscomb & Elizabeth his wife was baptised.

1694. July 26,—Benjamin the s. of Jo: Digby, Cler. & Mary his wife, was bapt. * (born 24 of July 1694).

1694. July 24,—Hugh Smyth was buried.

1694. Sept. 17,—Benjamin Digby buried.

1694. Jan. 18,—Willm. Handscomb was buried.

1695. March 1,—Sarah d. of John Handscomb & Eliz: his wife was bapt.

1696. May 19,—Hugh, s. of Jo: Digby, Cler. & Mary his wife was bapt. * (born 16th day of May 1696).

1697. May 4,—Mr. John Biscoe and Mrs. Sarah Burr were married.

Note.—The entries marked thus * are collected together at the end of Vol. I. s.v. "Children of Jo: Digby, Cler. & Curate."

1697. July 11,—Thomas Trustram & Penelope Pen of Luton were married.

1697. Nov. 1,—Elizabeth Burr was buried.

1699. May 4,—Mr. Willm. Sheppard of Ansy Bury [? Eynesbury] & Mrs. Alice Burr were married.

1700. Apr. 25,—Mr. Thomas Beaumont of Greenfield & Mrs. Alice Smyth were married.

1702. Nov. —,—John Warwick, Dairymen, & Mary Faldo, both of Harlington were married.

1702. Jan. 25,—William Burr, Gent., was buried.

1703. June 19,—John, s. of Jo: Handscomb, Gent., & Eliz: his wife, of Harden in the Parish of Whettamsted, in the County of Hertford, was bur.

1707. Apr. 21,—Elizabeth, d. of Jo: Handscomb & Eliz: his wife, of Harpenden, in the County of Hertford, was buried.

1710. Aug. 31,—Thomas Cannon of Sundun & Mary Digby were married.

1710. Nov. 27,—Elizabeth, the wife of John Handscomb of Hitchin, was buried.

1712. May 28,—James the s. of James Smyth, Gent: & Penelope his wife, bapt.

1713. Sept. 8,—Sarah Digby was buried.

1713. Nov. 21,—Hugh, the s. of James Smyth, Gent. & Penelope his wife, bapt.

1714. Feb. 25,—Penelope, the d. of James Smyth, Gent. & Penelope his wife, bapt.

1715. Nov. 16,—Penelope, the d. of James Smyth, Gent. and Penelope his wife, buried.

1715. Jan. 27,—Ann, the d. of Ja: Smyth, Gent. & Penelope his wife, bapt.

1717. July 27,—Alice, the d. of Ja: Smyth, Gent. & Penelope his wife, bapt.

1717. Dec. 19,—Mr. John Digby, Minr. was Buried.

1718. Feb. 25,—James, s. of Lawrence Smith, Gentleman & Mary his wife, bapt.

1719. Jan. 4,—William Dawes of ye parish of Offley & Sarah Goodall of ye parish of Lilly, were marryed.

1719. Feb. 17,—Lawrence, ye s. of Lawrence Smith, Gentleman & Mary his wife, bapt.

1720. Apr. 5,—Mr. Henry Tipping Ministr. buried.

1720. July 29,—Lawrence, ye s. of James, Gentleman, & Penelope Smith, bapt.

1721. May 6,—Mary ye wife of William Burre, Gent., was buried.

1721. Sept. 27,—Mary the d. of Lawrence Smyth, Gent., & Mary his wife, bapt.

1722. Aug. 23,—Elizabeth, the wife of John Burre, Gent: was buried.

1723. May 29,—Alice ye d. of Laurence Smyth, Gent., & Mary his wife, bapt.

1723. Dec. 5,—Clendon Dawkes & Anne Marshall were married per Lic:

1724. Aug. 22,—Mary, ye wife of John Digby, Clark, was buried.

1725. March 26,—Sarah, ye d. of Lawrence Smyth, Gent., and Mary his wife, bapt.

1725. May 19,—Hugh Smyth, Gent., was buried.

1725. Aug. 24,—Lawrence Smyth, Gent., was buried.

1726. Apr. 14,—Benj: Willis & Martha Lacey were married per Lic:

1726. Jan. 22,—John Hanscomb was buried.

1726. March 9,—Thom: Smith and Deborah Guttridge were married per Lic:

1727. Aug. 15,—James Smyth, Gentleman, was buried.

1728. March 28,—Thomas ye s. of Thomas Smyth, Gent., & Elizabeth his wife, bapt.

1728. May 8,—Mrs. Alice Smyth, widow, was buried.

1728. June 13,—Matthew ye son of Matthew Lacey, Gent., & Anne his wife, bapt.

1728. March 5,—Mary ye d. of Thom: Smith, Gent., & Eliz: his wife, bapt.

1729. May 20,—Mr. James Smyth, s. of Mrs. Penelope Smyth, wid. was buried.

1729. May 26,—Mr. George Boptie, Cur: was buried.

1729. May 26,—Mrs. Baptie buried.

1729. Aug. 21,—Matthew, s. of Matthew Lacey, Gent., & Anne his wife, bapt.

1729. Dec. 19,—Hugh, s. of Thomas Smith, Gent., & Elizabeth his wife, bapt.

1730.—Samuel Nelham signs as Curate.

1730. Dec. 7,—Edward Page & Sarah Whitebread were married.

1731. Dec. 24,—Hugh Digby, a Smith, was buried.

1732. Dec. 21,—Anna Maria, d. of Matthew Lacy, Gentleman, & Anne his wife, buried.

1732. Feb. 18,—Anna Maria, d. of Matthew Lacy, Gent., & Anne his wife, buried.

1737. Dec. 15,—Mr. John Hill of London, Widower & Mrs. Martha Will, wid: p. Licence.

1738. Oct. 20.—Bur. Lawrence Smyth, s. of Mrs. Mary Smith, wid.

1739. June 17,—Bur. Mrs. Eleanor Smyth of Ampthill, Spinster.

1739. Jan. 23,—Bur. Miss Anne Smyth of Sharpenhoe Bury.

1739. March 13,—Bur. Mrs. Mary Smyth, wid:.

1743. Apr. 19,—Marr: John Crouch, Priest, of Willian in the County of Hertford, Gent: and Mrs. Alice Smyth of this Parish, Spinster p. Licence.

1743. July 22,—Bapt. John, s. of John & Phebe Chernoek.

1744. Apr. 4,—Bapt. Anne, d. of James Smyth, Gent., & Alice his wife.

1744. May 10,—Bur. Anne d. of James Smyth, Gent., & Alice his wife.

1745. Apr. 21,—Bapt. James, s. of James Smyth, Gent., & Alice his wife.

1745. Oct. 31,—Bapt. Mary, d. of John & Phebe Chernoek.

1747. April 19,—Burr. Anne, wife of John Bridges Alderman.

1747. June 11,—Bur. Penelope, wife of Daniel Milward, Gent.

1747. Dec. 3,—Bapt. William, s. of John & Phebe Charnock.

1747. Dec 27,—Bapt. William, s. of William & Elizabeth Gordon.

1749. May 27,—Bapt. Penelope, d. of James Smyth, Gent., & Alice his wife.

1749. May 30,—Bur: Hugh Smyth, Gent.

1750. Oct. 15,—Bur: Alice, wife of James Smyth, Gent.

1752. July 31,—Burried, The Rev. Mr. Samuel Nelham.

1752. Nov. 3,—Baptized, James. s. of Thos. & Ann Smyth.

1752.—Tho. Dove signs as sequestrator, and as curate in 1759.

1754. July 6,—Baptized, James, s. of Thos. & Ann Smyth.

1761. Nov. 23.—Buried, Elizabeth ye wife of Thos. Smyth, Gentleman.

1764. Nov. 13.—Thomas Wells of Shefford, widower & Sarah Smyth, p. Licence.

1766. July 6,—Bury'd, John Nodes Esq., of Luton.

1767. July 6,—Bury'd, the widow Wesley.

1761.—The Rev. Wm. Dutton, sequestrator. Vicar in 1769.

1768. Oct. 2,—William Smyth, & Mary Savage of Sundon, p. Licence.

1769. Dec. 4,—Bury'd master Toby !

1769.—James Smyth signs as vicar. Rev. Thos. Greaves curate.

1771. March 5,—Edward Tyley of the Island of Antigua, Batchelor, and Penelope Smyth, spinster, p. Licence.

1771.—Thos. Greaves signs as curate.

1772. May 31,—Buried James Smyth, Esq.

1772.—Will'm Smyth signs as minister.

1772. Dec. 2,—Baptised, Penelope, d : of the Rev. Edward Tyley & Penelope his wife.

1772. Dec. 4,—Buried, Penelope, d. of the Rev. Edward Tyley & Penelope his wife.

1772.—James Smyth signs as vicar.

1773. May 8,—Baptized, Bedford, a Negro Boy aged about thirteen years.

1773. Aug. 6,—Buried, Mr. Thomas Smyth, aged 82.

1773. Sept. 26,—Buried, Mr. Hugh Smyth.

1774. Aug. 12,—Baptized, Edward, s. of the Rev. Edward Tyley & Penelope his wife.

1774. Aug. 28,—Buried, Edward, s. of the Rev. Edward Tyley & Penelope his wife.

1775. June 3,—Baptized, Thomas, s. of Thomas Smyth & Mary his wife.

1776. Apr. 18,—Baptized, James, s. of the Rev. Edward Tyley & Penelope his wife.

1776. May 8,—Baptized, Penelope, d. of Thos. & Mary Smyth.

1776. Dec. 2,—Baptized, Edward, s. of the Rev. Edward Tyley & Penelope his wife.

1777. June 12,—Baptized, Ann, d. of Thomas & Mary Smyth.

1778. Sept. 15,—Buried, Mr. Philip Taylor.

1779. June 6,—Baptized, Hugh, s. of Thomas & Mary Smyth.

1780. Apr. 8,—Buried, Mrs. Elizabeth Gouldsmith.

1781. March 21,—Baptized, Thomas, s. of Thomas & Mary Smith (privately, publicly received June 6).

1783.—James Hadow, signs as vicar.

1783. June 6,—Baptized, Arbella, d. of Thos. & Mary Smyth.

1785. July 19,—Baptized, Georgina, d. of Thomas & Mary Smyth.

1786. May 23,—Baptized, Elizabeth, d. of Thos. & Mary Smyth.

1788. Aug. 7,—Baptized, James, s. of Thos. & Mary Smyth.

1791. June 23,—Baptized, Elizabeth Cole, aged 28 years.

1793. Apr. 22,—Buried, Mary Ann, d. of Thos. & Mary Smith.

1793. Oct. 2—Baptized, Eleanor, d. of Thomas & Mary Smith, aged 2 years.

1795. Aug. 25,—Baptiz'd, James Edward, s. of James & Sarah Hadow, Born July 11th.

1796. Dec. 12,—Baptiz'd Anna Maria, d. of James & Sarah Hadow, Born Nov. 1st.

1798. Jan. 28,—Buried, Mr. Thomas Smyth, of Sharpenhoe.

1798. June 16,—Baptiz'd, Edward John, s. of Edward Ash, M.D., of the parish of Saint Mary-le-bone, and Anna Maria his wife, born 17th April last.

1798. June 16,—Baptiz'd William Thomas, s. of the Rev. James Hadow, & Sarah his wife, Born 13th May.

1798. Sept. 26,—Baptiz'd, Samuel Joseph, s. of Edward Ash, M.D., of the parish of St. Mary-le-bone, & Anna Maria his wife, Born August 6th.

1798. Sept. 26,—Baptized, Henry Patrick, s. of the Rev. James Hadow, & Sarah his wife, Born Aug. 17th.

1800. Jan. 16,—Buried, Elizabeth, d. of the late Mr. Thos. Smyth & Mary his wife.

1800. Feb. 5,—Buried Mr. Hugh Smyth.

1800. Feb. 19,—Buried, Arabella, d. of the late Mr. Thos. Smyth & Mary his wife.

1801. Feb. 21,—Baptiz'd Charles Scott, s. of the Rev. James Hadow, & Sarah his wife, Born 21st Jan.

1802. Aug. 3,—Baptized, Elizabeth Scott, d. of the Rev. James Hadow, & Sarah his wife, Born 10th July.

1802. Oct. 24,—Baptized, Elizabeth, d. of James & Jane Smith.

1805. Dec. 7,—Buried, Elizabeth, d. of James & Elizabeth Denton, privately baptized.

1805. Dec. 11,—Buried, Mary, d. of James & Elizabeth Denton, privately baptized, twins.

1808. March 27,—Baptized, Mary, d. of James and Elizabeth Denton.

1809. July 29.—Buried, Mary, widow of Thomas Smyth, Gent., of Sharpenhoe.

1810. Apr. 29.—Baptized, Elizabeth, d. of Thomas & Phebe Smyth.

1811. July 3.—Buried, George, s. of George & Lydia Smith.

1811. Aug. 14.—Buried, Arabella, d. of James & Anne Smyth.

LETTERS PATENT UNDER THE GREAT SEAL,
THE KING TO THOMAS NORTON, OF THE
ADVOWSON AND RECTORY OF STREATLEY.

The 8th part of Patents of the 36th year of the reign
of King Henry the eighth.

FOR THOMAS NORTON
GRANT TO HIM AND HIS HEIRS

THE KING to all whom &c. Greeting Know ye that we
in Consideration of the sum of £218 of good and lawful
money of England to the hands of our Treasurer of our
Court of Augmentations of the Revenues of our Crown to
our use in hand well and faithfully contented and paid by
our trusty and beloved Subject Thomas Norton Citizen
and Grocer of which said Sum of £218 we acknowledge
ourselves by these presents to be well and faithfully
satisfied and contented and the said Thomas Norton his
heirs executors and Administrators to be thereof exonerated
by these presents of our especial grace and of our certain
Knowledge and mere motion We have given and granted
and by these presents do give and grant to the aforesaid
Thomas Norton

ALL that our Messuage and Tenement with its Appurtenances called the Sonne situate lying and being in the Parish of Saint Mary Wolnoth in Lombard Street within the City of London to the late Monastery of Stratford Langthorn in our County of Essex lately dissolved late pertaining or belonging and being parcel of the Possessions thereof and now or late in the tenure of James Michill or his assigns And all and singular Curtilages Gardens Shops Cellars Sollars Chambers Stables Buildings Edifices Entrancies Commodities Emoluments and Hereditaments whatsoever within the s^d Parish of Saint Mary Wolnoth or elsewhere soever within the said City to the said Messuage or Tenement and other the premises with their Appurtenances pertaining or belonging and to the said late Monastery of Stratford Langthorn lately belonging and pertaining and being parcel of the Possessions thereof
And

ALL that our RECTORY and Church of STRETLEY otherwise Streteley with its Appurtenances in our County of Bedford to the late Monastery or Priory of Marke-Yate in our said County of Bedford lately pertaining or belonging and being parcel of the Possessions or Revenues of the same late Monastery of Marke-Yate and now or late being in the tenure demise or occupation of one William Burr or his Assigns And all and singular our Houses Barns Stables Dovehouses Edifices Buildings Gardens Orchards Garden Grounds Lands Tenements Rents Meadows Closes Pastures Woods Glebes Tithes as well great as small obventions Fruits Profits Commodities and Emoluments whatsoever with their Appurt^e to the said Rectory and Church pertaining or in any way belonging And also the Advowson Donation Presentation Free Disp-

sition and Right of Patronage of the Vicarage of Stretley otherwise Streteley in our said County of Bedford to the said late Monastery or Priory of Mark-Yate lately pertaining or belonging and also the Reversion and Reversions of the aforesaid Messuage or Tenement called the Sonne with the Appurtenances and of the aforesaid Rectory Church Lands Tenements Tithes and all and singular other the Premises with their Appurt's and all and singular Rents Reversions and other Annual Profits whatsoever upon whatsoever Demises and Grants of the Premises and of every parcel thereof made and reversed as fully and entirely and in as ample manner and form as the last Abbot of the said late Monastery of Marke-yate or any one or more of their Predecessors or of either of them at any time before the dissolution of the said late Monastery and Priory or either of them or before the said late Monastery or Priory or either of them came to our hands had held or enjoyed or ought to have had held or enjoyed the aforesaid Messuage and Tenement called the Sonne with its Appurt's the Rectory Messuage Lands Tenements Meadows Feedings Pastures Tithes and all and singular other the Premises or any parcel thereof and as fully and entirely and in as ample manner and form as all and singular the said Premises came or ought to have come to our hands by reason or force of any Charter Gift Grant Confirmation or Surrender or by reason or force of any Charters Gifts Grants Confirmations or Surrenders by the said late Abbot and Prioress and Convents of the said late Monastery and Priory or either of them under their Common Seal thereof made or by reason or force of any Act of Parliament or in any otherwise howsoever and in our hands now are or ought to be which said Messuage or

Tenement called the Sonne and other the Premises with the Appurtenances to the said Messuage or Tenement pertaining or belonging are extended to the clear annual value of four Pounds sterling And which said Rectory and Church with their Appurt's and the aforesaid Houses Lands Tenements Tithes Obventions Glebes and other the Premises with their Appurtenances to the same Rectory and Church pertaining or belonging are of the clear Annual Value of ten Pounds six shillings and eightpence sterling per annum and no more To have hold and enjoy the aforesaid Messuage and Tenement called the Sonne with its Appurtenances and to the aforesaid Rectory Church Houses Gardens Orchards Garden Grounds Lands Tenements Meadows Closes Woods Pastures Glebes Tithes Oblations Obventions Advowsons Donations Presentations Free Disposition and Right of Patronage of the Vicarage aforesaid and all and singular other the Premises with every of their Appurt^s to the aforesaid Thomas Norton his Heirs and Assigns for ever To hold the said Messuage or Tenement called the Sonne and other the Premises with the Appurts to the said Messuage or Tenements pertaining or belonging of us our heirs and Successors in Free Socage and not in Chief by Fealty only And to hold the said Rectory and Church Lands Tenements Tithes and all and singular other the Premises above expressed and specified with their Appurt's to the said Rectory and Church pertaining or belonging of us our heirs and Successors in Chief by the Service of the 20th part of one knights fee And rendering yearly to us our heirs and Successors for the aforesaid Rectory and Church with their Appurtenances and for the aforesaid Houses Lands Tenements Tithes and other the Premises with their Appurtenances to the said

Rectory and Church pertaining or belonging Twenty shillings and eight pence sterling at our Court of Augmentations of the Revenue of our Crown payable at the Feast of Saint Michael the Archangel every year in the name of the tenth or annual tenth part thereof for all other Services and Demands whatsoever. AND FURTHER We will and by our Royal Authority which We enjoy We do by these presents grant to the aforesaid Thomas Norton his heirs and assigns that he his heirs and assigns may have hold and enjoy and to their proper use convert and may and shall be able to have hold enjoy and to their proper use convert the aforesaid Rectory Tithes Oblations Obventions Pensions Portions and all and singular the Premises to the said Rectory pertaining or belonging with every of their Appurtenances as fully and entirely and in as ample manner and form as the said late Prioress of the said late Priory of Marke-Yate or any one or more of their predecessors in right of the said late Priory of Markeyate the same Rectory and other the Premises to the said Rectory belonging or pertaining or any parcel thereof had held or enjoyed and to their own use converted or could have hold or enjoy and to their own use convert And moreover of our more abundant grace and of our certain knowledge and mere motion We will and by these presents for us our heirs and Successors do grant to the aforesaid Thomas Norton his heirs and assigns that we our heirs and successors will henceforth from time to time exonerate acquit and for ever hereafter keep as well the aforesaid Thomas Norton his heirs and Assigns and every of them as the aforesaid Messuage or Tenement with the Appurt^t called the Sonne Rectory Lands Tenements Tithes Oblations Obventions and all and singular the Premises with

every of their Appurtenances towards us our heirs and Successors and towards whatsoever other person or persons as well from all and all manner of Coronies Pensions Rents Fees and Annuities as from other Sums of Money whatsoever in anywise issuing or to be paid out of the aforesaid Messuage or Tenement Rectory Church Lands Tenements Tithes Obventions Glebes and other the Premises with their Appurtenances or out of any parcel thing or in or upon the premises or any parcel thereof charged or to be charged Except from the said Annual Rent and Service above by these presents to us our heirs and Successors in form aforesaid reserved

AND EXCEPT from £4 13s. 4d. Sterling payable yearly to the Vicar there and his successors for the time being And also from all and all manner of Demises and Grants of the Premises or of any parcel thereof heretofore made or had and Except from all and all manner of such Charges and Sums of Money in which the Farmer or Farmers of the Premises or of any parcel thereof is or are charged and is or are bound to render or pay Moreover commanding and by these presents firmly enjoyning as well the Treasurer and Council of us our heirs and Successors of the Court of Augmentations of the Revenues of the Crown of us our heirs and Successors for the time being as the Receivers Auditors and other Officers and Ministers of us our heirs and successors whomsoever that they and every one of them upon the sole shewing of these our Letters Patent or the Enrolment of the same with any other Writ or Warrant from us our heirs or successors to be required obtained or prosecuted upon payment of the said Annual Rent above by these presents to us our heirs and successors

as aforesaid reserved shall from time to time make and cause to be made full entire and due Discharge allowance Defalcation and Deduction to the aforesaid Thomas Norton his heirs and Assigns of all and all manner such Corrodies Pensions Portions Rents Fees Annuities and Sums of Money and Charges whatsoever out of the aforesaid Messuage or Tenement Rectory Church Lands Tenements Tithes and other the Premises with their Appurtenances or out of any parcel thereof issuing or payable as aforesaid or upon the premises or any parcel thereof charged or to be charged And these our Letters Patent or the Enrolment thereof shall be altogether for ever as well to the said Chancellor and Council of us our heirs and Successors of our s⁴. Court of Augmentations of the Revenues of our Crown as to the Receivers Auditors and other the Officers and Ministers of us heirs and Successors a sufficient Warrant and Discharge in this behalf. Also we give and by these presents do grant to the aforesaid Thomas Norton all Issue Rents Revenues and Profits of the aforesaid Messuage or Tenement Rectory Lands Tenements Tithes and all and singular other the Premises with their Appurtenances from the Feast of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary last past hitherto arising growing or renewing.

To HAVE to the said Thomas Norton of our Gift without Account or any other thing to be therefore to us our heirs or successors in anywise rendered paid or made Also we will and by these presents do grant that the aforesaid Thomas Norton shall have these our Letters Patent under our Great Seal of England in due form made and Sealed without Fine or Fee great or small to our use in the Hanaper of our Chancery or elsewhere for the same to be

rendered paid or made Although express mention &c. In Witness whereof &c. Witness Katherine Queen of England and General Regent thereof at Westmr. the 24th day of September.

By the King himself by virtue of the Royal Commission.

EATON BRAY.—TROTT FAMILY.

In an old MS. book recently lent me, which appears to be a case book or book of precedents, are the following lines written in the first fly-leaf:—

“N. Trott”

“Mea mea Paupertas nullis polluta rapinis”

“Æquanime oblectat, conducto laeta recessu.”

“Misericordia Deus N : Tr. 1625.”

They are, I think, in the handwriting of the owner of the book—Sir Nicholas Trott; underneath them are written some humourous lines in the handwriting of one “Edmund Cook” who is evidently not ashamed of the composition as he signs his name to them. Who he was I am unable to say; the book appears to have come into his possession and he has left his mark in it, *teste* the following:—

“Harke what the honest lawyer saith: one see
 Content with his own lot: no scraping fee
 When will one gownman that's now left alive
 refuse what he resigned in twenty-five
 Whose body lyeth obscurely buried in the
 Chancell of Eaton Bray on the north side
 of the grauestone of Mr. John Poti [? Potts]
 The Epitaph of which worthy Knight might
 Well (in stead of a better) bee this”—

“ Loe here what once was laid : now seemeth not
 the body of good old Sr. Nicholas Trott
 on's own accord through honesty and grace
 that did resign A Chanc'ry masters place
 Liue, learning, lingue, armes, forgotten all; attest
 that fortune often here doth favour least the best.

EDMUND COOKE, 1669.”

The above grateful tribute to the memory of a departed friend would seem to imply that Sr Nicholas Trott was a man of worthy parts and an honest man. It would be interesting to learn the incident referred to in these words —“ What he resign'd in twenty five,” also, what led to his connection with Eaton Bray, as the family is an Essex one. There are only three entries in the parish registers relating to the family—one being the burial of Sir Nicholas, the others possibly those of his wife and brother. No stone now remains to mark his resting-place. * The entries are as follow :—

1618.—William Trott the sonne of Martin Trott gentleman was christened the xxth day of August.

1636.—Sr. Nicholas Trott was buried Nouemb : 19.

1698, Sept. 13th.—Mary Trait was buried.

The last-named, Mary, may probably have been his wife, as from some notes for which I am indebted to Mr. Cary-Elwes, it appears that Sir Thomas Beaumont of Stoughton Grange, Co. Leicester, who died 11 Aug. 1676, married Elizabeth, dau & coh. of Sir Nicholas Trott of Quickwood, Co. Herts., Knt., by Mary dau. & [? co] heir of Sir George Perient, Knt. If, however, the Mary Trott whose burial is recorded above was

* There were some floor-stones buried under the Minton tiles when the Chancel was restored (?) some few years ago, possibly one of them may have recorded the burial of Sir N. Trott.—ED.

his wife she must have died at a very advanced age (surviving him 62 years) for Edmund Cooke in his friendly epitaph speaks of her husband as "good old Sir Nicholas Trott." On referring to the *Visitation of Essex*, Vol. I., p. 507 (Harl. Soc.), I find that Martin son of Martin Trott of Langridg, married for his first wife, "Anne d. of Sr. George Perient of Ayott in com. Hertford, Knt." It may be that Nicholas who married Mary dau. & ? coh. of Sir George Perient, was brother to this Martin; and again that the William who is described above as "sonne of Martin Trott gentleman," is identical with the "Will'm Trott Secretary to the Earl of Manchester" described in the above quoted work, as brother to Martin who married Anne Perient. The name of this Martin's fourth son was Nicholas, and it is not assuming too much to imagine that he was so named after an uncle. I should be glad to receive any information which may tend to throw some light on this matter.

F. A. B.

The following notes I have collected from the sources indicated :—

- 1663. Oct. 23,—William Parrat and Agness Trott. (Woburn.)
- 1702. Mch. 5,—Mr. Edward Trott, Rector bur. (Odell.)
- 1702. Oct. 19,—Mrs. Elizabeth wife of Mr. Edward Trott, Rector, bur. (Odell.)
- 1620. Sept. 17,—George s. of William Trott, bapt. (Luton.)
- 1622 Nov. 5,—Francis s. of William Trott, bapt. (Luton.)
- 1606. July 6,—Richard Ewer & Elizabeth Trott. (Luton.)
- 1621. Aug. 13,—George s. of William Trott, bur. (Luton.)
- 1626. May 26,—Mrs. Trott, widow, bur. (Luton.)

1629. Feb. 28,—John s. of William & Alice Trott, bur. (Luton.)

1633. Mch. 13,—Agness Trott wife of William, bur. (Luton.)

In the *Visitation of Bedfordshire*, Harl. Soc. Pub., Vol. xix., p. 166, is mentioned a John Trott, of London, who m. Susan d. of Sr. William Chester, Kt., Lord Mayor of London. Sr. Nicholas Trott was knighted at Theobalds, 19 July, 1619.

THE ODELL FAMILY.

The object of this inquiry is to ascertain, if possible, the English ancestry of Mr. William Odell, who emigrated to America probably about 1639.

The earliest trace of Mr. Odell is at Concord, Mass., U.S.A., where his son James was born Dec. 2, 1639, and his daughter Rebeeca, May 17, 1642.

There were two other sons—William, born about 1634, probably in England, and John, the date of whose birth is unknown.

About the time of Mr. Odell's emigration to America came also the Rev. Peter Bulkeley, Rector of the Parish of Odell in 1620. It is probable that he and Mr. Odell were friends in England as well as in America.

Mr. Bulkeley became Rector of the church at Concord, and married there his second wife Grace Chetwood, whose grandmother was Agnes Wodhull or Odell—the names being the same—the wife of Richard Chetwood, Esq.

The Odell family had been settled in Bedfordshire for many generations, and it is probable that Mr. William Odell was also a resident of that part of England.

An ancient escutcheon in Copp's Hill Cemetery, Boston, U.S.A., bears the Odell arms—three crescents on the shield, and an eagle displayed for the crest.

Mr. Odell died in America in 1676, and is described in his will as “being sick and weake of body but sound of mind.” He was probably an aged man at the time.

Will the Rectors of the Parishes in Bedfordshire who may read this kindly examine their Registers for the baptism of William Odell. Say from 1585 to 1615? If found, a certified copy may be sent to the undersigned with a note of the cost thereof.

For satisfactory proof of the descent of Mr. Odell from the English family bearing the above arms the writer begs to offer the sum of five guineas.

Replies may be sent direct to Rufus King, Yonkers, Westchester County, New York, U.S. of America.

30 October, 1882.

NORTHILL.

In the *Westminster Abbey Registers*, edited by the late Col. Chester, is recorded the death of a Bedfordshire man which, together with a long foot-note, should find a place in these pages:—“1713 Nov. 25 Mr. Thomas Tompion; in the middle Aisle.”

Col. Chester then proceeds to say that he was “called the Father of English Watchmakers.” He is said to have been originally a blacksmith, and was evidently a native of, or resided in early life at, Northill, co. Beds. A James Tompion, described as a watchmaker from London, was buried there 24 Jan. 1742-3, and one of the name has the credit of constructing the clock of that church. Unfortunately the parish registers of Northill from 1598 to 1672

are lost. The name, however, was long common there. He was made free of the Clockmakers' Company of London, 4 Sept. 1671, and, after serving in the minor offices, became master of his Company 29 Sept. 1704. According to his monument, he died 20 Nov. in his seventy-fifth year. His will, dated 21 Oct. 1713, was proved 27 Nov. following by George Graham. He bequeathed his tenements and lands in Ickwell, in the parish of Northill aforesaid, to his nephew Thomas, son of his late brother James Tompion, and the use of £500 for life to his niece Margaret, wife of Edward Bangor, citizen and clockmaker of London, and dau. of his late sister Margaret Kent, with remainder to his niece Elizabeth, wife of said George Graham, and dau. of his said late brother James Tompion. He also left £400 to Rebecca Nodes, dau. of his late niece Eleanor Nodes, who was the eldest dau. of his said sister Margaret Kent, and £50 to his cousin Thomas Finch. The residue of his estate he gave to his executor. Mr. George Graham, the celebrated clock and watch maker, and also distinguished for various mechanical inventions, among which is said to be the Orrery, died 16 Nov. 1751, and was buried on the 25th of the same month "in the middle aisle, in his master Mr. Tompion's grave."

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THE HALLILEY FAMILY.*

There was formerly in the Sowerby Division of the Parish of Halifax, Yorkshire, a small estate or farm-stead

* Any additions in the shape of notes on Families of Halliley, Jackson, Latham, Goodman, &c., will be gratefully welcomed and acknowledged by the writer; he is especially desirous of Halliley notes from the Registers of Clifton, Bedfordshire.

known as "The Hillilee," the exact situation of which I have not as yet ascertained, though it may be conjectured that it was what is now known as "Hiley Hall," and probably it would be easy to decide the question by referring to old parochial maps and records.

I am uncertain as to the derivation of the name of "The Hillilee," for though the obvious suggestion is simply "*The Hilly Lea*" yet in ancient records the first vowel of the name was quite unfixed, and I am not sure whether the "Hilly" is not identical with the "Hali" of Halifax, Haliday, &c., and not having seen the place I cannot say whether "The hilly lea" would be an appropriate name. From very early times there lived on this estate a family of the same name, my first note concerning them being that in 1380 Thomas Hilele and his wife, of Sowerby, paid a poll tax, and I have little doubt that from these Hilleleys, Hillilees, or Hillileighs, of The Hillilee, descended all the following families, namely:—

- (1) The Hillileys or Hilileighs of Clifton, in Hartshead, and (?) of York.
- (2) The Helleleys of Brierley in Ferkirk near Barnesley.
- (3) The Hallelys of Sherborn South Milford and Monk Fryston from whom came the Halleleys of Bickerton Dunnington and (now of) Saxton, and the Halleleys of London, Hackney, Westham, and of Clifton in Bedfordshire; and also the Alleleys of Hackney. *
- (4) The Hallileys of Earls Heaton, Dewsbury, and Wakefield.
- (5) The Hallileys now of Bedford.
- (6) The Hallaleys of Derbyshire and North Staffordshire.

* A family of this name now lives in Birmingham.

I am assured by Mr. J. Horsfall Turner, the West Riding antiquary, that many of these variations of the name are to be found in old deeds relating to "The Hillilee," but it would be interesting to trace the extent to which the difference in the locality has affected the pronunciation of the name.

The earliest will of anyone of the names of Hilleley, &c., is that of John Helelaye, of Felkirk, near Barnesley, in Yorkshire, whose family appears to have remained there until the beginning of the present century; it was proved at York in 1514, and mentions John, Margaret, and Robert Helelaye. The testator was perhaps related to — Halliley, whose Christian name I do not know, and of whom I can only say that he must have been born about 1450, that he lived probably at Sherborn, or South Milford, near Pontefract, and that he was father of the following family:—

(1) John Halliley, the most important, if not the first-born of the sons; he was, at least as early as 1532, one of the officers of the King's Jewel-house, and as such had charge of the Crown plate and Jewels. In 1532 he was one of the commissioners who conveyed the King's plate and jewels to and from the Field of the Cloth of Gold, and for this service he had board wages, 6d. a day for eight days, and a fee of 26s. 8d. Shortly after this when Cardinal Wolsey fell, John Haliley was employed to view the "vestry-stuff" and weigh the plate, "late the Cardinal's," that had been sent from Cawood. He remained an officer of the Jewel House until his death, which happened in 1557, but he no doubt accumulated a considerable fortune, for he appears to have died in the possession of a good landed

estate. Some of his purchases of land are recorded in the Close Rolls, the most important of them being the manor and lordship of Gilmanby, in Richmond Archdeaconry, in the extreme north-west of Yorkshire, and this he left to the heirs of his brother Robert, whose great-grandson William sold it in the time of James the First. The will of this John "Halylie" was dated at "Newcastell," 1st September, 1557, and was proved the same year (Wrastley 35). He desires to be buried in the parish church of St. Martin Outwich, London, "in the chapel of our Lady there so nye my late wif Elizabeth there buried whose soule God pardon either of the one side of her or on the other as the ground will serve." He leaves lands to several members of the family "to pray for my soul and for all Christian souls," but it is unnecessary to notice all his many bequests further than to say that with one exception his London property was left to his brother Edward and to Richard, Isabell, and . . . (a daur), children of Edward, the bulk of it consisting of houses in the parish of St. James' Garlickhythe.

To his sister Alice, wife of William Turpyn (doubtless of Yorkshire), he left "sixe spones with sixe of the Apostles gilt at their ends." He also left to his ward Margaret Letheme, £20 and plate. But his favourite relative seems to have been Richard Halylie, his "servant," son of his brother Edward, for to him he gave "my hed house in the parish of St. James' Garlickhythe where one Potter dwelleth, & Jones' vault thereto belonging," also £20 and

plate, and further made him one of two residuary legatees and executors.

- (2) Robert Halliley of Lead Grange Saxton, married Isabel, and had four sons and four daughters.
- (3) Edward Halliley, of whom hereafter.
- (4) William Halliley, married Elynor, and had issue, two sons at least, of whom the youngest was William.
- (5) Richard Halliley.
- (6) Isabel Halliley married Rauf Wilson.
- (7) Alice Halliley married William Turpyn.

In the documents and records which mention these brothers and sisters and their descendants, the name is spelled quite indiscriminately Halliley Halleley or Hallaley, the middle form however seems to have been more generally used by the branch whose history I propose to trace. John, as we have seen in his will, calls himself "Halylie," but in the State papers of the day he also appeared as "Halalie," and even "Alalie," a proof, were one needed, of the antiquity of the vulgar London habit of dropping the "h."

EDWARD HALLILEY, one of the above brothers, was of Sherborne, in Yorkshire, Yeoman, and to him his brother John devised a house "at the corner end of little East Cheap." His will was dated 3rd August, 1558, and was proved at York the same year. He mentions his daughter Margaret, and to Ann, his daughter, he leaves 66s. 8d. and ten shepe. He leaves to "my sons Thomas Wilkynson, Richard H., William H., John H., all my land which I ought to have at Darlestone, in the parish of Hakney," and makes them his Executors and Residuary legatees, Thomas Barnbye being Supervisor. It is just possible, though not probable, that Anthony H., of

Sherborne, whose will, which made John, son of Thomas Barnebie, a supervisor, was proved at York in 1587, was a son of this Edward; at any rate, it is certain that Edward had the following children:—

- (1) William H. of Monk Fryston Yeoman in 1584 when he gave up to his brother Richard all his interest in three houses in St. James' Garlickhythe devised by John H. to their sister Ann.*
- (2) Richard H., of whom hereafter.
- (3) John H.
- (4) Isabell H. married 1st, Thomas Wilkynson, Citizen and Cordwainer of London; 2nd, William Bucknall Citizen and Cordwainer of London who was her husband in 1584 when her brother Richard purchased † from William Hamonde of Skarthingwell Yorkshire Esq the reversion of the house in St. James' Garlickhythe devised to her by John Halliley.
- (5) Ann H.
- (6) Margaret H.

Richard Halliley, younger son of the above Edward, appears to have bought up by degrees the interest of his brothers and sisters in the London property devised by his uncle, and I presume that he acquired the land at Dalston which his father considered that "I ought to have." At any rate, he was no doubt living in Hackney Parish from 1561, when his eldest son was baptized, until his death in 1605-6. It appears from the 1633-5 Visitation of London, and from the more elaborate

* Close Roll 26 Elizabeth, No. 16.

† Close Roll 26 Elizabeth, No. 18.

pedigree in Harl MS., 1551, that he married Margaret Lathom, who was no doubt the Margaret Lethom ward of his uncle John Halliley. According to the pedigree she was of good descent, being daughter of John Lathom; of Lathom, by Lucy Conyers, his wife, daughter and co-heir of Leonard Conyers [by ——— Jackson, his wife, daughter and heir of Lionel Jackson], second son of Christopher Lord Conyers, son of William first Lord Conyers, who married Ann Neville, daughter of Ralph Earl of Westmoreland. Her Arms, given in the Harl MS., were—Quarterly

1 & 4. *Or, on a chief dancetty azure 3 plates the centre one charged with a martlet sable* :—Lathom.

2. *Azure, a maunch or charged with an annulet gules a crescent or for difference* :—Conyers.

3. *Argent on a fess gules a greyhound courant between 2 pheons or* :—Jackson.

On the same page (50 b) of the Harl MS., I find a trick of the Arms of Halleley quartering Lathome Conyers and Jackson as above, but this is probably wrong, there being nothing to show that Margaret Lathom was an heiress. No doubt the William Lathom who witnessed her husband's will was one of her relations. Richard and Margaret Halleley were possibly the parents of a Nicholas Halliley or Alleley, of Hackney, who began to have a family baptized there in 1593, but I am inclined to think that Nicholas was a poor relation, probably in the employ of the more affluent branch: they (Richard and Margaret) were no doubt the parents of Jane Halleley, who was baptized on the same day as Walter, their eldest son, but no parents are mentioned in the baptismal registers of any of their three children, who were

Walter H. baptized at Hackney 26 Aug 1561. He married Elizabeth Goodman, daughter of — G, of London, but beyond the entries in the registers of Hackney, I know nothing about him and his family. His children were

- i Edward, bap 15 Feb 1600-1.
- ii Walter, bap 4 Aug 1608.
- iii Richard, bap 21 Oct 1610 bur 1613.
- iv Asadiah bap 14 Feb 1612-3, died of the plague 1625.
- v Richard bap 24 Feb. 1621-2 bur 1625.
- vi Mary bap 3 Apr 1603 bur 1606.
- vii Ann bap 19 March 1604-5 married "Mr. Arther" and died of the plague 1625.
- viii Mary bap 31 March 1607.
- ix Susanna bap 1615 bur 1625.
- x Tabytha bap 21 June 1618.

(2) Christopher H:—of whom hereafter.

(3) Jane H. baptized at Hackney 26 Aug. 1561; on the same day as Walter H, from which I infer that she was his sister. She doubtless died young or without issue.

Margaret Halleley, mother of Walter, Christopher, and Jane, was buried at Hackney, 20th April, 1597, and Richard, her husband, was buried there on the 14th Feb., 1605-6. The following is an abstract of his will:—

I. I Richard Halliley of Hackney in the County of Midd. Gent being in good and perfect memorie, thanks bee to God, make this may laste will & testament in manner and forme following. That is to say I bequeath my soul to God my creator, & to Jesus Christ by whose deathe and passion comes my salvation, & by whom I onlie hope to be saved.

And my bodie to be buried in the parish of Hackney.

Item. I give & bequeath unto my eldest sonne Walter Halliley a certayne lease which I have of John Machall of London Gent. I give & bequeath unto my youngest sonne Christopher Halliley 200 pounde. Legacies to Servants, Jane, Sibell, John, Abraham; Anthony Boxe servant of my son Walter: the poor of Hackney £4; Residue to my two sons Walter and Christopher & they Exors.

Witnesses. Paul Bucke, Wm. Latham.

Made 8 Feb. 1605-6

Proved 22,, ,—(Stafford 13).

II. Christopher Halliley of West Ham Middx. Gent.
To be buried in Chauncell of Hamme Church.

My lands at St. James' Garlickhythe to wife during life—remr. to my eldest son Richd. Halliley.

Land in Fetter Lane to wife for life—remr. to son Xofer Halliley.

Land in Folkestone to wife &c.—remr. to 3rd son John Halliley.

And my land at Edmundton to youngest son Thomas to whom it doth descend—daurs Elizabeth & Anne.

Witn. Walter Halliley, H. Gibbs, T. Warde.

Proved 19th March 1613-4—(Meade 25).

III. 7 May 1666.

Richard Halliley of Clifton Beds Gent—religious; to be buried in the body of the parish church of Clifton—Round Mead in Clifton in occup'on of Michael Samme Yeoman & reversion of my wife's jointure to my own issue if any, remr. to Christopher Halleley my brother and his heirs of body remr. to Xofer Halleley the younger my nephew for life—remr. to his issue in tail male viz: 4th, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, & 10th sons.

Remr. to Ann Bott my niece and heirs.

 " " my own right heirs.

My Sister in law Mrs. Jane Halliley widow
 „ bro. „ „ Mr. John Burton £10 each
 „ Sister „ „ Mrs. Rebecca „

Mrs. Elizabeth Hurst Widow my first wife's sister.

Francis Bott my nephew money in discharge of that I received from his father for him which I have spent in his education.

The will of my first wife Mrs. Margaret Halleley to be performed.

My sister Mrs. Elizabeth Cole.

I desire my brother Xofer to buy the land we bought of Michael & Ellen Samme in Clifton.

John Burton the younger & Magdalen Burton children of my sister Mrs. Rebecca Burton money to be paid out of debt due to me from my brother in law Mr. Giles Thornbrough by bond in name of Mr. Richard Drake of London.

Residue to my wife Mrs. Jane & she & my brother Xofer Halliley to be Exors.

Witn. R. Skinner, Wm. Hanscombe.

Proved with a codicil 7 Nov. 1666—(Mico 158).

WILLIAM F. CARTER.

The following extracts from Bedfordshire Registers relate to this family :—

1629. Mch. 31,—John Halylye and Jane Edwards.
 (Upper Gravenhurst.)

1603. Dec. 19,—Xpofer s. of Xpofer Holiley gent. bapt.
 (Henlow.)

1620. Aug. 9,—Rebecca d. of John Holliley bapt.
 (Henlow.)

1620. Oct. 19,—Rebecca d. of John Holliley bur.
(Henlow.)

1634. July 27,—Elizabeth d. of John Holliley bapt.
(Henlow.)

1634. Aug. 1,—Elizabeth d. of John Holliley bur.
(Henlow.)

1638. Mch. 16,—Mistress Anne Halliley bur. (Henlow.)

1669. June 25,—Mrs. Margaret Hallulay wife of Mr.
Richard bur. (Clifton.)

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TODDINGTON.

Thomas Peyvre or Pevere, whose will is given below, was Lord of the Manor of Toddington, and possessed besides an estate in Chalgrave which he acquired in right of his wife Margaret daughter and coheir of Sir Neil Loring, of Chalgrave, Kt. By her he appears to have had only one child, a daughter, Mary, who was first married to Sir Richard St. Maur Kt., son & heir of Richard Lord St. Maur. An *Inq. p.m.* 10 H. IV. No. 38, Sept. 1408-9 states that Sir Richard St. Maur held certain lands in right of Mary his wife then living, that John de St. Maur is his brother and heir aged 28 years and more, and that the said Richard died on Sunday the Feast of the Epiphany last (6 Jan. 1409). Master William Loring, canon of the Cathedral Church of Salisbury is mentioned as one of the feoffees of Richard and Mary. By him she had a posthumous daughter Alice (see p. 187). She subsequently married John Broughton who by this match became possessed of the Toddington and Chalgrave estates. Thomas Peyvre died 22 Sept. 1429 and was

buried near his wife, who had predeceased him, in the South chapel, which appears by the will to have been dedicated to S. James. His daughter also died in the lifetime of her father, but the date of her death, and place of burial I have not yet ascertained. On looking over "Add. MSS 17,456" in the British Museum I find it there stated that Paulinus Pever (an ancestor of Thomas Peyvre's) ob. 1251 and was buried in London, his heart being buried at Toddington. I have transcribed the will *in extenso* from the folio register of Archbishop Chichele Vol. I., fo. 414a in the Library at Lambeth Palace.

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"IN DEI NOMINE AMEN.—Ego Thomas Pevere sanus, in mente quarto die Mensis Novembris anno domini mill'mo cccc° xxvj^o condo testamentum meum in hunc modum. In primis I betake my soul to God and to his blessed moder Marie and to all the seyntes of heuen, and my body to be beryed in the chapel of Seynt James in the churche of Todyngton be Margarete my wyf. Item y bequethe xvij marcs to prests to syng for me and margerie my Wyf Fader and Moder and all cristien soules withynne the same yere of my sepulture in the chapel of Seint Jame in the churche of Todyngton. Item I bequethe all my beddyng lynes and woollyn and all my weryng clothes to iohn Broughton and to anneys Welde my seru'nt to be parted a mongee hem two and to dispose to pore men and to my poure seru'ntes. What hem lyketh thereof. Item y bequethe to john Broughton all my Bras that I have at Todyngton and Chalgraue the residue forsothe of all my godes and dettes y bequethe and yeue to iohn Barton the elder iohn Barton the yonger William halle iohn Broughton and to iohn kygill and hem y ordeyne and

make myn executours that they ordeigne and dispose the Wille of my testament and to doon execucion thereof and of my godes and dettes rentes and fermes that cometh in ther handys wel and trewely to dispose in manner as is for sed. I bequeathe to my forsaed executours lxxx m'rks to be departed amonges hem for hir labour and trauayle and this testament with myn hondys y haue enclosed and with my seal signed.

Knowe all men that y Thomas Pevere the vj^{te} day of Nouember the yere of oure lord a m' cccc and xxvj^{to} wul and grante that myn executours p'fourme my wille and myn entent as y shal afterward declare. My wil ys that there be departed and disposed amonges my poure tenn'tes that y haue in the shire of Buk. xxli. ther most nede ys. Also my wyl ys that ther be departed and disposed amonges my poure tenn'tes that y have in Bark. Deuonshire and cornewayle xli. there most nede ys. Also my wille is that ther be disposed and parted for to amende platys* withynne the chirche of Todyngton wher my fader and moder lyen xli. and that leueth over to the chirche werk. Also my wil is that the catel quykhe and dede vpon the maner of Chalgraue the whiche harry welde hath in kepyng with his ferme that is to wyte Oxen Shepe with ledys and caudrons of Bras that hit be deliuered after my deces to iohn of Broughton for Store of the place. Also my wil is that the catel whiche that is vpon the maner of Rye in Barks that ys to wete hors and mere cow and oxe with all other catel of the forsaid place whiche that is in kepyng of harry mauncel there fermour

* Probably the brasses laid down to his father and mother. There is a matrix in the chapel floor measuring about 11 by 5 feet which may have been the one referred to.—Ed.

that it be deliuered to iohn of Broughton after my deces
for store of the place. Also my wil is that the place of
Westmynster whiche that William halle is sessed ynnre
that he make a state in fee to iohn of Broughton for
evermore vp' condicion that he helpe iiiij poure men or
elles iiiij sithes so poure man in the yere continuynge, his
possession yf he haue to doon with the lawe in that that
is in hym. Also y bequeethe to the Abbeye of Woborne
xls. Also y bequeethe to the Abbey of landey xls. Also
y bequeethe to the proyorie of Dunstapell xls."

Proved at Lambeth the 3d of November 1429, with a codicil and administration granted to John Broughton and others.

DUNSTABLE.

The following is a transcript of a parchment roll in my possession of quit rents payable by the Prior and Canons of Dunstable to the Dean and Chapter of St. Paul's, London, for lands held under the manor of Kensworth. As early as 1242 the Priory of Dunstable held rights of commonage at Kensworth. There is no date to the document, but from the writing it would seem to be about the middle of the XVIth century, probably just before the dissolution of the priory in 1539.

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DUNSTABLE in Com. Bedd. for such quit rents as they yearly pay to the said Deane and Chapter for such lands and p'fitts as they hold of the said manner of Kensworthe. INPRIMIS mitris. Ewer late wyfe of John

Ewer gen. deceased for fforty acr. of

John Wyngate esquier for ix. acr. of freehold land r ^t . p. ann.	iijs. viijd.
Wyllyam Skelton of london. gen. for xlvj. acr. of ffreehold land r ^t . p. ann.	viijs. iiijd.
Mr. Greepe of London for v. acr. of freehold land r ^t . p. ann.	xvd.
Mr. Poolle of London for v. acr. and 3 roodes r p. ann.	viijd.
The heires of Wyllyam heath for vij. acr. of ffreehold lande rente by the yeere	is. xjd.
Thomas Ordway gen. holdeth . . . acres of ffreehold lande rent p. Ann.	viijs. xd.
Reynolde fletcher holdeth xij. acr. of ffreehold lande Rente p. ann.	vs. xjd.
John Briggs holdeth iiij ^{or} . acr. of ffree- hold lande Rente p. Ann.	js. ijd.
Mr. Doctor Sheafe & Mary his wyfe hold hold ix. acr. of ffreeholde land rente p. Ann.	js. iijd.
John Chapman holdeth vj. acr. of ffree- hold land r ^t . p. ann.	xijd.
Thomas Parkyns holdeth x. acr. of ffree- hold land rente p. Ann.	xxd.
Roberte Straight holdeth . . . Acres of freeholde land rente p. Ann.	ijs. vd.
Wm. Medcalfe holdeth vij. acr. of ffree- holde land rent p. Ann.	xiiijd.
Wm. Chapman holdeth xiiij. acr. of freeholde land bought of Mr. Barber rente p. Ann.	ijs. iiijd.
John Medgate gen. holdeth x. acr. of & a half r ^t . p. ann.	js. viijd.

Richard Briggs jun. holdeth iij. acr. of ffreehold land r ^t p. Ann.	vjd.
Richard ffynche holdeth j. acr. of ffree- hold land r ^t p. ann.	ijd.
Wyllyam Aman holdeth iij. acr. of ffree- hold rente p. Ann.	vjd.
The heires of Thomas Haddon for j. acr. of ffreehold land r ^t p. Ann.	ijd.
Wm. Osmond for . . . Acr. of ffreehold land r ^t p. ann.	vd.
Robert ffaldoe esquier for ij. acr. & a half of ffree holde land rente p. ann.	vd.
John Bennell gen. for iij. acr. & a half of ffreehold lande r ^t p. ann.	vijd.
Jane Woodley for xij. acr. of ffreehold land Rente p. Ann.	ij ^{s.} viijd.
Thomas Portres holdeth one Cottage & 15 acr. of ffreehold land r ^t p. Ann....	ij ^{s.} viijd.
Henry Astrey Esquier for one acr. of lande late in Richard Brigges his holdinge	ijd.
Mr. Doctor Sheafe & Mary his wyfe doe hold One Mannor called Dame Sares in Kensworth conteyning by esty- macon 240 acr. r ^t p. Ann.	ijLi. viij ^{s.}
Ann Gasley vid. for x. acr. of Coppie- hold r ^t p. ann.	ij ^{s.}
Jeremie Gasley for j. acr. of frehold r _t p. Ann.	jd.
Thomas Heighs for j. half acre of land late Mr. Barbers Rent. p. Ann.	jd.

RARE BOOKS BY BEDFORDSHIRE WORTHIES.

The two following paragraphs from Booksellers' Catalogues I have thought worthy of a corner in this publication :—

TODDINGTON.—“PIGAFETTA (Phil.) Reporte of the Kingdome of Congo, a Region of Africa, and of countries that border rounde about the same, wherein is also shewd that the two Zones, Torrida and Frigida, are not onely habitable, but inhabited, and very temperate, contrary to the opinion of the olde Philosophers. That the blacke colour which is in the skinnes of the negroes, proceedeth not from the Sunne, etc. Drawn out of the writings of Odoardo Lopes a Portingall. Translated out of Italian by Abrm. Hartwell, *curious wood engravings*, 4to, calf, *large copy*, RARE, £1 18s. 1597.”

Though the name of Abraham Hartwell does not occur in the parish registers, Lysons refers to him as Rector of Toddington. He was Rector of Toddington in 1570, and of Tingrith in 1572.

SHARPENHOE—“PAPAL BULL.—A Bull granted by the Pope to DOCTOR HARDING and other, by reconcilement and assyling of ENGLISH PAPISTES to undermyne faith and allegiance to the Quene. With a true declaration of the intention and fruities thereof, and a warning of perils thereby imminent, not to be neglected ; with TRANSLATION —A Disclosing of the GREAT BULL and CERTAIN CALVES that he had gotten and especially the MONSTER BULL that roared at my LORD BYSHOPS Gate.—An addition declarorie to the BULLES, with a searching of the Maze. In a volume, 12mo, BLACK LETTER, *fine copies, almost as frssh as when issued, morocco extra, £12 12s. All printed by*

John Daye, 1570." By Thomas Norton, of Sharpenhoe, Beds., all his pieces are of excessive rarity. This Thomas Norton was born at Sharpenhoe, and was counsel to the Stationers' Company; he died about 1584. He translated some of the Psalms in Sternholds and Hopkins's version; also Calvin's Institutes; besides which he wrote the first three acts of a play called "Ferrex and Porrex;" afterwards published under the title of "Gorboduc." The rest was written by the Earl of Dorset. (*Warton's Poetry.*)

F. A. B.

ROWE OF CLAPHAM (pp. 45, 53).

Draft Funeral Certificate of John Rowe, of Clapham, co. Bedford, Esq., 1585.

(*MSS. H. G. Beds. 8°.*)

In the margin are these arms in trivet: Argent, on a chevron azure, between 3 trefoils slipped, each per pale gules and vert, as many bezants; a crescent (untinctured) for difference; Rowe: impaling, Argent, 2 bars gules, over all a lion rampant double queued or, semé of pellets; BRANDON.

"THE funeral of Mr. John Rowe esquire, and sheriff of Bedfordshire, deceased at his house called Clapham in the said coy. the 29 of August 1585, and was interred the 16 of September following. The said defunct had two wives. His first was daughter to Broke, and had issue Thomas Rowe, Mary, and Susan. By his second wife, which was Ribecka daughter to Robert Brandon of London, chamberlain, by her [he] left issue Elizabeth Rowe, Judith, and Sara. At whose [funeral] was Windsor and Rouge dragon, officers of arms."

John Rowe was the eldest son of Sir Thomas Rowe, Lord Mayor of London, 1569, who came out of Kent. He had a grant or confirmation of his arms in 1566, by Garter and Norry (F 1, fo. 313 *b*) and bore them with the crescent as above. See the pedigree in *The Visitation of London*, 1568, Harl. Soc., p. 5, and the annotated edition of the same, annexed to *Transactions of the London and Middlesex Archaeological Society*, vol. III., p. 20. John Rowe died during his shrievalty of Bedford. It is stated by the annotators that he left no male issue; but from his will (abstracted at p. 25 of present volume) it appears that his son was living at the date thereof (19 Feb. 1584-5), and there can be no doubt that he survived him, though not long. The statement of the draft certificate respecting the first marriage of John Rowe differs from that given at p. 25, and is probably erroneous.

H. G.

HOUGHTON CONQUEST.

The following is a description of an old deed advertized by Mr. H. T. Wake, of Wingfield Park, Fritchley, near Derby :—

“ An ancient Latin Document on vellum of the 14th Century, neatly written and in fine preservation being the original indented Bond or Contract between John Conquest (mediator) rector of Houghton Conquest, William atte Church, John Rous, chaplain, Philip Andrew, clerk, John Conquest, brother [sic] of the rector aforesaid, John Conquest of Hoo, John Godard, Ralph Wylock (or Byleok), John Marysone, Richd. Daye, Nichs. Petypas & Robert Walter of the same (Hoo) of one party & Willm. Farele

of Dunstable & Philip Lessy of 'Totturnho' masons of the other party to build a 'Belfry' at the west end of the 'church' of Houghton, with proper windows sound-holes, &c., and to complete the same in 3 years at 10s. a foot for the foundations & 13s. 4d. & 6 quarts of frumenty for every foot from the ground to the summit estimated at £40 sterling. Given at Houghton aforesaid the first Monday after the feast of All Saints (Nov. 4) in the 16th year of the reign of King Richard the 2nd after the Conquest, viz. A.D. 1392."

D. G. C. E.

BEDFORD.—GREAT FLOOD OF 1607.

Under the title of "Floods in England, 1607," there has recently been published a tasteful little reprint of a scarce tract containing "A true Report of certain wonderful Overflowings of Waters in Somerset, Norfolk, and other parts of England, A.D. 1607." The editor is Mr. Ernest E. Baker, of Weston-super-Mare. The work is tastefully printed on Dutch hand-made paper, and there are two facsimiles in the work, one being the title-page, which is pictorial and represents people and cattle trying to escape from the flood, the other gives the first page of the work in the old black-letter type. On page 33 is a short account of how Bedford fared during the flood, which I here subjoin:—

"The fift of October about midnight, the Water overflowed so much, that men were faine to forsake their beds, and one woman drowned. Were also were lost a great number of Sheepe, Oxen, Kine, Horse, and other Cattell. Amongst other there, one maister Cartwrite Gentleman,

having his house inclosed round about, the water came in so much, that a Cart being lode' with Thorns, did swim about the ground. He lost by the same floud, Sheepe and other cattell, to the value of an hundred pound. The same gentleman had a close gate by the high wayes side, where the water ran over so extreamely, that at the fal thereof it made such a hole, that it was fortie feet deepe, so that no man could passe that way without great danger. To the filling up of the sayd Hole, or Pit was cast in by the men of the sayd Towne 25 loads of Faggots, and 20 load of Horse-dung, which sayd Faggots and Horse-dung filled not up the hole.

Also one master Lee, at the Freers in Bedford having fayre garde, wherein was great store of Elme-trees, whereof three score were bloune doun. Also he had a close of Conies that were cleane destroyed."

COPLE.—LUKE FAMILY.

On page 142, *ante*, is an extract from the "Gentleman's Magazine" relating to a marriage of a youth of 14 to a maiden lady of 70. Mr. John Smyth, of Baldock, has kindly supplied me with an extract from the registers of Clothall, Herts., confirming the same. It is as follows:—

"1731 April 11, By Licence John Grave 14 (of Baldock) married to Catherine Luke (of Baldock) grand-daughter of Hudibras."

This Catherine Luke is evidently the daughter of Oliver, and grand-daughter (not daur. as erroneously described on p. 142) of Sir Samuel Luke, of Woodend in Cople, Knight. She was baptized, according to the parish

registers, on the 18th of October, 1660. The curious description of her ancestry in the extract from the Clothall registers would point to the conclusion (often disputed) that the identity of "Hudibras" with Sir Samuel Luke was at that time an established fact. The first part of *Hudibras* was published in 1663, within three years of the birth of Catherine Luke. Sir Samuel Luke, the "Hudibras" of Butler's work, was baptized at Southill 27th March, 1603, and was buried at Cople 30th August, 1670.

F. A. B.

A BEDFORDSHIRE DIRECTORY, 1785.

Mr. John Taylor, of Northampton, writes to say that he would be glad to meet with a copy of that part of the Directory relating to Bedfordshire, mentioned in the following cutting. Perhaps some reader of this may have a copy to dispose of, or could tell him where to find one.

"Directory for Bedfordshire. On May 14, will be published Part II. being the Compendium for Northamptonshire. And speedily after, Part III. for Buckinghamshire. Part IV. for Leicestershire. Part V. for Cambridgeshire. And Part VI. for Huntingdonshire. To be continued annually. Price 6d.

The Merchants Miscellany, and Travellers Complete Compendium; containing a Mercantile State and Public View of the County of Bedford for 1785. Being a Short Description of each Market Town, List of Tradesmen, the Conveyances, &c By JOHN FRANKLIN HENINGTON, Auctioneer and Printer, at Northampton. Price 6d.

*Bedford; Printed by Bartholomew Hyatt; and sold by
Mrs. Fletcher and Mr. Hyatt, at Bedford. And may
be had of the Booksellers and News-men. To be continued
Annually.*

The Public are respectfully informed, that the Compendium for Northamptonshire will be published on the 14th of May.

8vo. With 2 pages, v & vi, of Advertisement" "J. F. Hennington, Auctioneer & Printer."

Dated, "Northampton, April, 1785."

THE BEAUCHAMP BRASS IN ST. PAUL'S.

Leland, the antiquary, in his *Collectanea*, states that there was, in his time, in St. Paul's Church, Bedford, a brass to Simon de Beauchamp, Earl of Bedford, on a tomb before the high altar, bearing the following inscription:—

*"De Bello Campo jacet hic sub marmore Simon
. . . . fundator de Newenham."*

As it is known that he died before 1208, this was generally considered as the earliest recorded example of a brass in England. Leland's own words are:—"He lyith afore the highe Altare of S. Paule's Church in Bedeford with this Epitaphie graven in Bras and set on a flat marble stone." Here follows the inscription as above. As some writers appear to have entertained doubts as to the veracity of this statement, it may not be amiss to adduce further evidence in corroboration of Leland's statement. In an old volume of wills preserved in the Registry at St. Paul's, Bedford, is one of John Borne, priest, dwelling in Bedford, dated 20th July, 1540, in which he desires to be buried

“within the chaunsell of sanct Paule’s in bedford by Symon de bello campo sutyme founder of newenham.” The date of this will would probably be about the time that Leland was making his collections. After this strong corroborative testimony, I do not think there is room for any further doubt.

F. A. B.

MILTON.

The following may be of interest, occurring in the Registers of S. Nicholas, the Parish Church of Deal, in Kent:—

Burial—

1624.—“Henry Clyfton of Milton in Bedfordshire prest to serve his Ma’tie under Captn Cromwell, Jan. 17.”

H. ISHAM LONGDEN.

VOWELL FAMILY.

In Vol. III. of Camden’s *Britannia*, ed. 1724, mention is made of one Peter Vowell, Schoolmaster of the Free School at Islington, who was hanged by Cromwell in 1653. He is there described as a Bedfordshire man. Up to 1570 the Vowell family appear to have resided at Creke Abbey in Norfolk, but after that period I am unable to trace them. I wish to ascertain from whom Peter Vowell was descended, and whether he left any children.

Dec., 1883.

E. MAXWELL-VOWELL.

WYMMINGTON.—A ? LOST CHARITY.

In the *Report of the Charity Commissioners*, 1815-35, it is stated on p. 15 that “The sum of £5 bequeathed by William Pickering, for the poor, has long been lost, and no account can be given of it.” Now the first thing to do in tracing a lost charity is to ascertain the date of the donor’s death, and a search in the parish register will generally furnish the information sought. In this case, however, we are met with an obstacle at the first step, for the registers of Wymmington that are extant do not commence before 1662, and subsequent to that year no entry of his burial is to be found. It would seem in vain then to search for the entry of his burial, and to go through all the Pickering wills at Somerset House or elsewhere would probably cost more than the charity is worth. It is in such cases as these that the Bishop’s Transcripts prove so valuable. These were first ordered to be made in 1597, and those relating to this county commence soon after, viz. in 1602, and are fairly perfect. I have lately had the privilege of inspecting some of the rolls, and, *inter alia*, made the following extract:—

“ William Pickering who gave the sum of five pounds to the use of the poor of this parish of Wymmington to be employed to the best advantage yearly that lawfully may be at the discretion of the minister and churchwardens there for the time being for ever was buried upon the twelfth day of the month of August Anno Domini 1615.”

Here again I may observe the exceeding value and interest of the old registers, which besides recording the bare facts of a man’s burial, &c., as we do now, often

recorded interesting bits of parish history which might otherwise have been lost.

Having now ascertained the date of William Pickering's burial, it will probably not be a difficult matter to unearth his will, and perhaps to trace the property upon which this charity may have been charged. If the above tends in any way to recover this charity to its proper uses I shall feel that my time has not been wasted over "those musty old registers."

F. A. B.

WEATHER-LORE.

Memoranda from fly-leaves of an old Bible belonging to an Oakley family:—

"Oct. 31st and Nov. 1st, 1823.—A very high wind and snow and rain: a very great flood in the River Ouse which run over the Parapet walls at Oakley Bridge: a great many Sheep drowned and other Cattle: a Hay Cock about 14 ton weight swam out of the meadow at Bromham and left in a meadow of Mr. Goulding at Biddenham standing upright as it was built: a deal of damage done to the corn in the Barns of Mr Chapman at Oakley: it was in his house nearly 5 feet deep."

"1826.—A Hot Summer and a very forward Harvest. Mr. Edwd. Chapman, Oakley, finished Harvest July 29th."

J. W. H.

EDWORTH.

Confirmation by Robert Bothe of an annual pension of 2s. to the Prior of St. Neots.

(Bibl. Cott. Faustina A. 1r.)

To all Cryston peple to whom this my present wrytyng
 shall com se or her I Robert of Bothe Esquier send
 gretyng in our lord Godd eu'lasting Wher as variance &
 dyscordes late was had & moved between Wyllm Eynes-
 bury* pryor of the Monasterye of Seynte Nede in ye
 Countie of Hunts & ye Co'uent of ye same place on ye one
 partye Rychard ffeuerell † parson of the churche of Ed-
 worthe in ye Counte of Bedford on ye other partye, for
 an annuel pensyon of ijs. ye which ye said priour & couent
 clayme to have to them & their successors as in ye ryghte
 of ther sayde Monasterye of Seynt Nede of ye sayde
 Richard ffeuerell & his successors parsons of ye sayde
 cherch of Edworth at the feste of hestern and in eschwyng
 of trobll ple grete coste & charge that myghte growe
 be twen them for ye sayde yerely pensyon of ijs. ye two
 parteys a fore sayde be ye medyacon of ther frendys have
 a greed them to stand & a byde to ye rule ordinaunce &
 jugement of me the said Robert Bothe at this tyme patron
 of ye sayde chyrche of Edworth as in ye ryghte of Mawde
 my wyfe late wyfe to John Enderby Esquier And I the
 sayde Robert Bothe wyllyng the good plees & a corde be
 twyx the sayde partes takyng uppon me the charge of ye
 rule ordinaunce & jugement be twyx the sayde parteyes of
 the premisses heryng & seyng ye tytyll & euydences for
 ye parte of ye sayde prior & couent & ye answherys of ye
 sayde Richard ffeuerell And for as moche as ye sayde priour
 & co'uent have schewyd grete & suffycynt eudences prouing

* William Eynesbury was Prior of St. Neots from 1464 and 1486.

† Richard Feverell was incumbent of Edworth from 1462 until he resigned in 1481.

ther tytyll good to & for the sayde pencyon of ijs. & the sayde Richard ffeverell nothyng contre shew in destruccion of ye tytyll of ye sayd pryor & co'uent be them made for the sayde pencyon of ijs. wherby he & his successors myght or ought of ryght be dyscharged of the sayd annuel penycon of ijs. be good deliberacyon awarde ordende & deme yt ye sayd pryor & co'uent & their successors shall have & receyve the sayd yerly pensyon of ijs. to them & ther successors for euermor And that the sayde Richard ffeverell parson of ye sayde chyrche of Edworth & his successors shall pay the sayde annuall pensyon of ijs. to the sayde pryor & co'uent & to ther successors for euermor at ye sayde feste according to ye tytyll & clayme of ye seyd pryor & co'uent. Allso I awarde ordeyne & deme yt the sayde Richard ffeverell parson of ye seyd churche of Edworth & his successours shall be quyete & dyscharged of all the arrerages of ye said annuall pensyon somme a fore this my present award agayns ye scyde pryor & co'uent & his successours excepte ijs. of arrerages of ye sayd annuall pencyon which wer & due of & for ijs. the yere laste passed afore this my present award to ye seyd pryor & co'uent the which ijs. I award ordeyne & deme that the seyd Richard ffeverell pay forthe with uppon this my present award to ye sayd pryor. In wytness of whyche to yt my present award trypartyte indentyd I have settmy seal ye viij. day of Janyuer the yere of ye regne of Kyng Edward ye fourth after the conquest the vth.

J. G. RAYNES.

[The Advowson of St. George's Church, Edworth, was given to the Prior and Convent of St. Neots, between 1175—1181, by Roger Burnard, as appears by the follow-

ing charter which I extract from Gorham's *History and Antiquities of Eynesbury and St. Neots*.

Rogers Burnard onnibus &c. . . . Notum sit vobis me concessisse, et carta mea confirmasse, Monachis de Sco Neoto, ecclesiam de Eddewortha cum omnibus ad eandem ecclesiam pertinentibus, in perpetuam et liberam elemosynum ; pro animabus patris et matris meae, quorum corpora ibi riquiescunt ; et pro salute mea et heredum meorum. Quare volo &c. . . . His Testibus &c. (Cart MSS. Cott Faust. A. IV. f. 57a.)—Ed.]

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**BIGGLESWADE.—THE FFRATERNYTYE OF
BYCLESWADE.**

The ferme of one mes'e and one acr : of medowe in the tenure of Will'm Byshop by yere at the feaste of thannuncyacyon of or. lady and saynt michell tharchangell by even porcons x*s.*

The ferme of a tofte there in the handes of Robert Spencer by yere as is above said i*s.*

The ferme of vij acre of land and ij pastures in the tenure of Rog. Longehorn by yere as is above said vi*s.* viij*d.*

*The Lands belongyng to the said
Brotherhood valued in—*

The ferme of vij acre : and one selyone of ley in the tenure of John Lyne by yere as is above said vi*s.* viij*d.*

The ferme of one cotage there in thands of John Payn as is above said vi*s.* viij*d.*

The ferme of one other cotage there in
the tenure of John Underwood by yere as
is above said vi. viijd.

The ferme of one acr: of pasture in
thands of Richard Chery by yere as is
above said iijs. iiijd.

The ferme of a tofte there in the tenure
of John Pooley by yere as is above said .. vs.

The ferme of xxij acrs. of land in the
tenure of Henry Rasen by yere as is above
said xv.

The ferme of one mess. wth. a croft to
the same belongyng in the tenure of
Ffrancis Pygot Esquier xs.

The ferme of xxv acrs of arable land &
one acr: of medowe in the tenure of Henry
Ffynche by yere as is above said xxvis.

The ferme of xxxv acrs. of land and iij
rods of ley in the tenure of the sayde
Henry by the yere as is above said xxvij. vijd.

The ferme of one mese. lyeng in Holme
in the tenure of Willm Colworth by yere
as is above said xs.

The ferme of certen lands there in the
tenure of the said Willm by yere as is
above said vs.

vijl. xxv.
thereof.

Reprises.—Qu: rent resolute to o^r souain
lord the kyng as to his manor of Bycleswade
by yere xxv. ijd. ob. rent resolute to the
prebend of Lincoln by yere iijs. xd. rent

resolute to the manor of Eyreslye by yere
 iiijd. rent resolute to Thoms Burgoyn by
 yere vijd. ob. xxvs. ijd.

Goodes belonging to ye said Brother-
 hede as aperith by inventory remayng
 valued at. lvjs. ijd.

Md. that the said ffraternytye was lycensed to be erected
 ffounded & incorporate by Kyng Edward the iiijth by
 the name of Wardens Brothers and Systers of the said
 brotherhede and Guylde of the holy Trintie in the
 Churche of Saynt Andrewe in Bicleswade aforesaid to
 thintent that there shold a prest syng there the dyvyne
 s'veice and for to pray for the good estate of the sayd Kyng
 Edward and Quene Elizabeth then his Wyfe & other the
 ffounders & for the soule of the late duke of Yorke father
 to the sayd Kyng Edward and for the soules of all the
 brothern and sistres of the said brotherhede. Also there
 hath no grand scole nor preacher ben kept there syns
 mich'as last Item there hath no money nor other proffet
 ben payd at any time within this v years to any poore pson
 out of the said brotherhede intended to have contynuance
 for ev'r. Also there is in the said pishe of Bicleswade the
 nomber of ccccxl houselynge people* and no mo preste but
 only the vicar and this brotherhed prest. Also there hath
 hath (sic) ben no sale nor gifte of goods spoyll voluntary
 wast or other destructyon in the said brotherhed. Also
 Henry John is Incumbent there of thage of xl yeres but
 meanly lerned nott able to s've a cure and hath no other
 lyvynge but this brotherhed.

* Houselynge people were people old enough to receive the Housel or
 Holy Sacrament. This probably includes young children, as at the date
 of the MS. Confirmation was administered at quite an early age.

Obyte & lyghte in Bicleswade

The ferme of one close of
pasture lyeng in Bicleswade in
the tenure of John Pooley gyven
to the sustentacyon of an obyte
by yere ijs. viijd.

The ferme of half an acr. of
land in the tenure of Wyllm
Gray gyven for the sustentacyon
of a light by yere. viijd.

The ferme of an acr: of
medowe in the tenure of John
Morell gyven to thuse aforesaid
by yere xijd.
iiijs. viijd.

J. G. R.

BATTLESDEN.—DUNCOMBE FAMILY.

The following is a transcript of a will (?) the last) of William Duncombe of Battlesden. I found it amongst other old papers in my possession relating to Battlesden. It is on eleven sheets of paper, each being signed at foot "by me Wm. duncombe." The last sheet is endorsed at the back—"Testament of Willi' Duncombe of Battlesden 30th Octr. 1594." Though I fancy he made another will just prior to his decease, I think this is worth preserving, from its containing many facts not to be found elsewhere, besides being of interest from other points of view.

F. A. B

In the name of god amen the xxxth daie of october in
the yeare of o'r lord god 1594. And in the xxxvjth yeare
of o'r most souaigne Ladie Elizabeth by the grace of god
of England ffraunce & Ireland Quene defendor of the
faith etc. I Will'm Duncumbe of Battlesden in the
Countie of Bedf. Esquier being in gode health of bodie
and of perfect minde & memorie (I praise god) Consideringe
wth my self the vncertaintie of this lyfe doe therefore
make and declare this my p'sent testament Conc'ning herin
my last will in mann' and forme following that is to saie
ffirst & principallie I Commend my Soule into the handes
of allmyghtie god who of his omnipotence did Create and
make y^t and of his greate m'cie by the death of Jesus
Christe his sonne did save and redeame y^t and as my
vndoubted hope is by the same m'cifull redemc'on will
glorifie it. And as touching the dispositic'on of Such
goodes Chattells and Credit As god of his great m'cie hath
lente me I will and bequeathe as followethe (That ys to
saie) ffirst I giue and bequeath vnto Elizabeth my Daughter
[five hundred poundes to be paid in man' and forme fol-
lowing viz: two hundred pounds to be paid at in or upon
the feast of St. John Baptist next ensewing after the date
herof, And] three hundred poundes to be paid at such
tyme, and when John Worlie gent her lawful husband
shall attaine and come to and have in full possession all
his landes and liveing by the last will and testament of
his father deceased, soe y^t in and vpon Condic'on that he
the said John Worlie have then himselfe provided, or
Caused to be then alreadie provided such and soe much
land as shalbe worthe three hundred poundes whoallie to
be employed vsed & bestowed to the vse benefitt and p'fitt
of ye said Elizabeth my Daughter and to her heyres and

assigness for eu'r. Item I will and my mind is that Katherin * my wife according to my p'myse by reason of marriage made vnto her shall have during her naturall life one Annuitye of one hundred and fiftie pounds w^{ch} I the said w'm togith'r wth my brother Thomas Duncombe do stand bound for as by the recognisance in that behalf maid more plainlie appeare yearlie to be paid by two equall porc'ons att or about two seu'rll tymes and vsuall feasts in the yeare viz. : att or about the annunciac'on of the blessed virgin Marye, and the feast of St. Michaell th' archangell in man' and forme as followeth, (that is to saie) The first paiement of threscore and fiftene pounds to be payde in my house now in fletestrete in London within the space of threscore daies next after eyther of the said feasts or whether of them shall fortune then first next after my decease to follow and ensewe, and 75*l.* to be paid w'thin twentie & eight dayes after eyther of the said feastes next after the first as is aforesaid yearlie during her life as by the said recognisance likewyse appeareth And my will and

* This is the first mention that I have seen of a second wife. His first wife was, as the above inscription tells us, Ellen, da. & heir to William Saunders, of Pottegrave. She was baptized 21st Sept. 1549 and was married in Sept. 1560, being barely 12 years old! Her only brother, Thomas, died in February, 1559, and she died on the 9th of November, 30 Queen Elizabeth (*Inq. p. m. Gul. Duncombe, capt. apud Anphill, 3 Nov. 1 Jac. I.*). Strange to say the *Inq. p. m.* makes no mention of his second wife Katherine, but possibly one of the lines defaced on the tomb may have mentioned her. She was probably from London, as further on in the will testator makes special disposition of land he had in right of his said wife, at London. In the parish registers of Harrold is the following entry:—

“ 1603 Aug. 1. Thomas Catesby Esq., and Mrs. Katherine Duncombe,
married ”

but whether she was identical with the Katherine in question I am unable to say.

meaneing is that the said Annuitie of one hundred and fiftie poundes shalle paie out of the vse and yearly rents revenews & encrease of all my lands leases goods Chattells and other Creditt whatsoe'r or out of such and soe much of them as that the vse and yearlie increase thereof maie be esteemed & thought to be and in deed maie and wilbe sufficient & enough being as my will and true meaning is vsed & employed to the best to paie p'forme and discharge the said annuity in mann'r and forme aforesaid. Item I give & bequeath vnto my three Children Saunders Will'm and Suzan Duncombe, to eyther of my said two sonnes three hundred poundes a peece and to my said daughter Suzan five hundred poundes to be paid vnto my said three Children when they shall accomplishe & come vnto their seu'all ages of xvij. yeares or before yf they soude marrie, And if y^t fortune any of my said thre children doe d'p't their lifes at anie time before they shall accomplishe or come vnto there said seu'all ages of xvij. yeares or before ye daies of their seu'all ages then I will y^t the part or porc'on of him or her or anie of them so deceased shalbe distributed equallie emongst the other of them [my children] then livinge, It'm I give & bequeath to my said daughter Suzan my house w^t th' apparten'nc's that Edmund Hickman doth now dwell in in Leighton Bussard in ye Countie of Bedds. And the meadow that I late purchased of Will'm Sewell, To have and to hold to her the said Suzan her heires and assignes for eu'r, provided alwaies that yf y^t shall fortune my said wiffe to live longer over and above the tyme y^t my said three Children viz. Sanders Will'm & Suzan shall accomplishe & come vnto theire said seu'all ages of xvij. yeares aforesaid then I will and my true meaninge is that all

[my said lands leases & tenements &c] such and so much of my said goods chattells and other creditt as shalbe sufficient to paie & p'forme the said annuities as y^e aforesaid shall still be and remaine in the hands vsing & ordering of the executors of this my p'sent testament hereafter named to & for the true paieing & full p'formeinge of the said annuityes, And also I will that my executors hereaft'r named shall immediatlie after the decease of my said wyfe well & truelie paie or cause to be well and truelie paid vnto my said three Children Saunders Will'm & Suzan there said seu'all p'tes & porc'ons, And that the residew of all the said goods and chattells soe employed to the p'r-forminge of ye said annuytie of one cl*li*. shalbe equalie devide emongst them or so manie of them as shall then be liveinge, and to be paid vnto them together with their porc'ons or [soe much thereof as shall then be retained in their hands], And if y^t shall happen that my said wife doe decease before the tyme of theire said seu'all ages of xvj. years aforesaid that then the same my executors hereafter named shall vse employ and bestow as well all their said porc'ons & eu'ie p^t and p'cell theirof, as also the said residew & eu'ie p^t & p'cell therof att their good discrec'on equallie to be distributed emongst them to the best benefit p'fitt Comoditie & advantage of them mysaid three children Sanders Will'm & Suzan vntill they shall accomplishe & come vnto their foresaid seu'all ages of Sixtene yeares or they shalbe married w'ch of them shall first happen Item I giue and bequeethe vnto Edward my eldest sonne my great gylte salte the bedsted and Cupbord in the great new Chamber at my house at Battlesdon aforesaid, the long table in the great parlour their w'th two Dosen of stooles theirvnto belonging, The Cupbord sqvare table and great

Andyerons w^t the fyer shovell & tongues their to be deliu^d vnto him at the end of fower monthes next after my decease. Item I give and bequeath vnto Anne Duncumbe my late brother [Roger] his daughter tenne poundes, to Richard Pope xls. of that monie w^ch his brother doth owe me and the rest I do forgiue w^ch is above iiiij*l*. in all. It'm I giue and bequeath vnto eu're of my servants in s'vice w^th me at my death ijs. iiijd. a peece & to Pollard my made xls. & to Jhon Hebbs *my hogherd* xs. to eu'ye of my godchildren then liveing ijs. vjd. a peece. It'm I giue vnto eu'ie of the townes of Battlesden [Pottesgrave] Wooburne Leyghton Tuddington Dunstable Ivingho w^th Aston and Hocklif xls. a peece to be distributed emongst the poore of the saide seu'all townes as shall thervnto be assigned & appointed by the executors of this my p'sent testament Provided alwaies and my will and true meaninge is that if my foresaid sone Edward Duncumbe shall not or will not peacably and quietlie p'mit & suffer my herafter named executors of this my p'sent testament to have and enjoye my said house and living that I now have att Battlesdon and Pottesgraue w^th all the p'fyte thervnto belonging wth th'app'tena'ces and all the pastures and grounds of Battlesdon and Pottesgraue w^ch now are at the daie of the date of theise p'sents in myne owne handes and occupac'on for & during one whoale yeare next after my decease the said yeare to begin at Michaelmas next after my decease or at the feast of th'annunciac'on of the blessed Virgin St. Marie next aft'r my decease w^ch of the said feasts shall happen next after my Decease to the end intent and purpose y^t all my goods and Chattells maie be sold and had awaie to the best p'fitt theirof that then my will & mynde is that my said sone shall have no legacie or benefit

in or by this my p'sent last will and testament Anie thinge
 herin contained to the contrarie therof in anie wise notwithstandinge but that the same shall whoallie remain &
 be as the rest of my goods and chattells by my executors
 hereafter named employed and vsed as is aforesaid And
 whereas Richard Grace of ffennystrattford & Peter de
 ffrayne of Wooburne stand bounden and obliged to me by
 obligac'on for the sure payment of 90*l.* w'ch money belong-
 eth to the schole of Wooburne & in verie truth is none of
 myne Therfore I require the same my executors heraft'r
 named to p'cure the said Richard Grace and peter de ffraine
 ther executors or assignes to paie the same 90*l.* iustlie &
 truelie to the feoffees of the same Schole to the vse of the
 said schole according to the trust that was reposed in me.
 It'm I give and bequeath toward the [may'tening] *making*
 of footebridges & the amending of the highe waye between
 puddle hill foote and little Brickhill lane *xli.* to be
 bestowed [& Employed ye'rly] by such of ye inhabita'ts of
 Hocklif and Battlesdon as shal be thervnto appointed by
 my executors in this my p'nte testament menc'oned and
 declared. It'm I giue vnto Thomas Saunders *xls.* and
 vnto Thomas Herding *xxs.* and to ffeirstis wife *xxs.*
 The residew of all and singular my goodes and Chattells
 debts money [plate] jewells househould stufte horses
 maires coltes geldinges sheape oxen kyne hogges corn haie
 and all other my goods cattells creditt and thinges what-
 soe'r as well moveable as vnmoveable not before in this
 my p'sent testament giuen nor bequethed my debts being
 paid my funeral expenses discharged and this my p'sent
 testament in ev'e respect fullie p'formed I give and be-
 quethe whoallie vnto [my said thr'e children Saunders W'm
 &] Suzan Duncumbe my said daughter to be employed &

bestowed to the best by my executors hereafter named for there better educac'on and bringing vppe in vertue and Godlines equallie devided emo'gst them. And I doe make and ordaine my verie good & loving trustie friends *my brother Thomas Duncumbe my brother Gyles Duncumbe and my brother John Duncumbe* myne executors of this my p'sent testament giveing and setting over vnto them all my land w'th th'appurten'ces w'ch now I have in the right of my said wief att Londo' viz: thre messuages w'th th'appurten'nces in the p'ishe of St. Briggte neere fleete-strete London now in the tenor & occupaco' of Mrs. Anne Plasden widow and John Michell hab'dasher and theire assignes & one messuage and one curtilage in the p'ishe of St. Stephen in Colma' streete londe comonlie called the signe of the bell now in the tenor and occupa'co'n of Richard Horne Inholder, leases and tenements togeth'r w'th all and singular their appurten'nces to and for this onelie vse end entent and purpose that the yearlie rents and revenewes therof shalbe for the paiem't and discharge of the said Annuitie of 190*l.* soe farre as they will extend, and for soe much of the said anuitie as y^e yearlie rents and revenewes of the said lande leases and tenements will not amount & reach vnto they my said executors to retaine & keep such & soe much of my said goods in theire hands as that the ye'rlie increase therof shall and will fulfill and make vppe the said some of 150*l.* & shall & wilbe sufficient and enoughe togeth'r w'th the said rents & revenewes for the satisfacion & discharge therof yearelie during the lief naturall of my said wife in man' & forme as is aforessaid. And afterwards namelie after her decease to be answearable and accomptant vnto my said thre children Saunders Will'm and Suzan as well

for theise my goods and chattells as for the rest [before
menc'oned] in mann'r & forme before expressed. And
[furth'rmore I] doe putt into theire hands and committ
to theire trust well vsinge dispo'tion and orderings all
and singular my said goods Chattells & other Credytt
whatsoeu'r, and they to take haue and receyve them all and
eu'ie p't and p'cell y'rof to doe satisfie fullfill and thorowlie
p'forme aswell the foressaid Annuitye of on hundred and
fiftie poundes to my said wifie as also all and singular
legacies debts & whatsoeu'r thing or thinges specifyed
contayned and sett donne in this my p'sent testament
according to my will intent and true meaninge in man'
and forme herin menc'oned and declared. Desyering
them and eu'ie of them to fulfill and p'forme y^t iustlie in
eu'ie respect. And they to haue ye ordering & gou'ment
of my said thre children Sander willi'm and Suzan [w'th]
theire porc'ons to them before bequethed and to Educate
and bring them vppe vntyll they shall accomlishe their
foressaid seu'all ages of xvj years or shalbe married first
happening not doubting but y^t they will have that godlie
care of my said children that they will bring them vppe
in godlie and v'rtuous leving and oth'r such like exercise
accordinge to the great trust I reposse in them. And they
to make a true and iust accompte & true payment vnto my
said children of theire portions to them before bequeathed.
And of the encrease therof when they shall accomlishe
their foressaid seu'all ages of syxtene yers [togither with
the re'dew and ou'rplus of all my goods and chattells
whatsoeu'r equallie to be deuided emongst them my said
thre childre' Saunders W'm & Suzan] provided alwaies
as before And I doe give to eu'ie of them for theire
paines over and above such expences as they shall expend

or lay out in or about this my p'sent testament vj*l.* xijs. viijd. a peece. Also I do further will that Mr. [A. B.] *Doctor Smithe* shall have my foresaid sone Saunders and his stocke (yf y^t shall please him soe to do) and he to be bound [with suertes] to my foresaid executors to make paiem't their of And that my foresaid *broth'r Giles Duncombe* [G. D] shall have my foresaid sonne Will'm and his stocke duringe his minoritie, and he to be bound [with suertes] to the rest of my said executors to be accomptant and to make true paym't therof w^t the increase theirof to the said Will'm my sone [or his heires] And that my *Cosen John Dnncombe* [J.D.] and my brother John [Thom's] *Duncumbes* wief shall haue my foresaid Daughter Suzan and her stocke during her minorytie and they to be bound [w'th suerteis] to the rest of my executors to be accomptant and to make true paiement therof w'th the Increase theirof to my said Daughter [or hir heires]. And that yf the foresaid p'ties or anie of them shall refuse to take my foresaid children and there stockes to them before bequeathed in such man' and forme as before menc'oned then I will that y^e residewe of my foresaid executors shall take them or anie of them soe refused att theire discrec'on taking good securtie for theire stockes w'th the increase thereof [for my children] And I doe make ordaine appoint & intreatt my loving & trustie friends Mr [Wm. S.] *Doctor Smith* aforesaid and Mr [T. S.] Doctor S to be the overseers of the execution & inst' p'formance of this my last will and p'sent testament [glueing vnto either of them for theire paines ij*l.* vijs. viijd. a peece] And I doe hereby vtterlie revoke and disanull all former wills legacyes and bequests by me heretofore made. In Wittness whereof I have hervnto

sett my Seale and subscribed my name the daie and yeare
first above written. These being witnesses—

JO: REYNES, V^r
RICHARD GRENE,
WILL'M JACOBS.

By me Wm. DUNCOMBE. O

N.B.—Words within brackets are interlineations, and those in italics
have been erased in the original.—ED.

The following is the will of Sir Edward Duncombe, Knt.,
eldest son of the above testator :—

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I SIR EDWARD DUNCOMBE of Battlesden in the Countye of Bedford Knight doe make and ordaine this my present Testament concerning herein my last will in manner and forme following (that is to say) ffirst I bequeath my soule into the hands of Almighty God my maker and my body to be decently buried with as much privacie as maybe in the Chancell of Battlesden aforesaid nere my wife there (If it please God it may be soe.) Trusting in my Saviour Jesus Christ that at the last daye it shall rise againe and thorough the merrits of his death and passion come to life everlasting. Item I GIVE unto the poore of Battlesdon Twentie shillings ITEM I give vnto the poor of Pottesgrave twentie shillings Item I give vnto the poore of Layton Bussard ffortie shillings, The said severall somes to be bestowed at the discretion of my executors hereafter named Item whereas vpon the marriage with Anne my now wife I gave securetie to provide a house for her dureing her life after my decease which should be worth ffortie pounds p. ann. or in default

thereof to leave vnto her two hundred pounds in money at the tyme of my decease Now my will and meaninge is If my sayd wife and her frends do release her said securtie and discharge my executors thereof That then she shall have and keepe those jjewells (viz't) two Rings and a dyamond hatband shee hath in keeping of mine, otherwise my will is my executors shall have the sayd Rings and hatband towards the payment of my debts. ITEM I give and bequeath vnto my sonne in lawe William Duncombe of Littelington Parke Esquire and to Edmond Bolsworth of Laighton gent and their heires and assignes for ever All those rents of assise of all freehoulds Tennants Certainties Comon fynes of all and singular Tennants and Inhabitants Courte Leetes veiue of franck pledge amerciaments Herriotts waifes straye proffitts Comodities emoluments waters ffishings goods and Cattells of Felons and Fugatins felons of themselves and all other the premises in Yeldon Turvey Wroxhill Roxton Colleston Chalston and Patenham al's Patenharne or in any of them in the feres and Countie of Bedds wth their and every of their appurtenances late to the honour of Glouster belonging in as full large ample and beneficiale manner as the same were grannted or sould vnto mee and my heires by John Eldred and George Witmore Esq^r by Indenture beareing date the first day of Maye in the nynthe year of the raigne of our late Soverigne Lord King James of England with the reverc'on and reverc'ons of all and singuler the said premisses depending or expectant vpon any demise or grant ITEM as concerning my lease of Wooburne grounds and all and every other my goods Chattles Cattles plate and jjewells whatsoever I give them and every of them vnto them the said William Duncombe and Edmond Bolsworth and doe make them the

said William and Edmond executors of this my present testam't not doubting of their care and paines that all and every my iust debts wilbe by them satisfied and my body in a decent manner interred and such Codicill that I shall make vnder my hand and seale p'formed And soe committing myself and my affayres to almighty God his holy p'tection and direction revokeing all former wills I publish and declare this to be my last will and Testament IN WITNESS whereof I the said sir Edward Duncombe have hereunto put my hand and seale this ffirste daye of January Anno Dni. 1637. And in the yeare of the raigne of our most gratiouse Sovraigne Lord Charles by the grace of God of England Scotland ffrance and Ireland King defender of the faith &c. the thirteenth. EDW. DUNCOMBE. In the pr'sence of Tho. Eltham, John Howe. Md. that this 22th of february 1637 Sir Edward Duncombe did againe publish and declare this to be his last will and Testament Thomas Kettlewell, Cha. Wynne:"

In Battlesden Church is a mural tablet of Italian marble which was once decorated with gold and colours with the following mutilated inscription :—

"In hope of a Joyful resurrection lies interred ye body of William Duncombe Esqr: who depted this life y 27 of Mar: 1603. He was ye 4th son of Will Dunc: of Ivingoe in ye Count: of Bucks Gent & Alice Witton daughr to Will Witto: of Woodstoke in Co Ox Esqr: H (e married) 92 & had issue by his first wife Elle' Saunders dar & heire to Willia' San of Potesgrave gent 3 sonnes & 2 daugh his eldest son Sr Edwa Duncobe Kt who lived to ye age of 71 & departed this life ye 1 of Mar 1638. His seco: sone is Sr Sander Duncobe Kt who had been a gent Pentioner in Ordinary to King James of blessed meo: and also to King

*Charles about ye space of 30 years. Ye 3d son was Willi^r
who being a March died at Stode in Ger & lies interred in ye
chiefe church their The two daugh: died wthout issue,"*

There are three shields of arms on the tomb :—

1. Per chevron eng. gu. & az. three talbots' heads erased counterchanged, DUNCOMBE; impaling—Per chevron sa. & arg. three elephants' heads cabossed counterchanged, SAUNDERS.
2. DUNCOMBE.
3. SAUNDERS.

Some portions of this inscription have for some reason been carefully chiselled out, relating, I fancy, to the date of marriage of William Duncombe to Ellen Saunders, who was just 12 years old at the time of her marriage! and also to the marriage of Sir Edw. Duncombe. This mutilation must have taken place previous to 1688, for in *Harl. MS. 1391* fo. penc. 30, is a copy of this Inscription agreeing with the above, and attested by Thos. Cox, Clerk, and Jonathan Neale, Churchwarden, the 4th of June, 1688. Sir Edward's first wife was Elizabeth, da. of Peter Osborne, of the Exchequer, by whom he had issue; and according to this will he married again, as he speaks of "*Anne my now wife.*" In the visitation of 1634 there is no mention of this Anne, and as the pedigree is signed "*Thomas Eltham, for my master Sr. Edw. Duncombe, by his direction,*" one may conclude that he did not marry this Anne till after the date of the visitation.

William Duncombe, who married Ellen Saunders, appears to have had a second wife, Katherine, who died s.p. I seould be glad to learn the family names of Anne and Katherine, and the dates of their respective marriages.

I have since discovered that Sr. Edward's second wife was Anne, relict of — Bonham; the marriage settlement bears date 22 June, 1630, the trustees being Henry Proby, of the Middle Temple, Lond., Esq., and Thos. Bancroft, of Lond., Esq. (*Inq. p.m. capt' apud Ampthill*—1638).

F. A. B.

BARTON-LE-CLEY.—EXTRACTS FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS.

The extracts below given are mostly from the oldest volume which commences in the year 1558, and is in a good state of preservation. The writing of the first few folios is neat and regular, but different in style to the writing one usually sees about that period. I am greatly indebted to the Rector for his courteous permission to make these extracts.

F. A. B.

1558, Feb. 21.—Agnes, d. of Richard Denton, Bapt.

1559, Apr. 7.—Ric: Lowndes, Curate, was buried at Wynsloe.

1559, Aug. 17.—Marg'ett Vauys was buried.

1559, Aug. 22.—Robert Woodward was buried.

1560, May 17.—Richard Vawse was buried.

1560, June 23.—Robert Winge [? Wingate] was buried.

1560, Feb. 11.—John Loyorouse, Curat was buried.

1562, Apr. 11.—Elizabeth, d. of Ric. Denton was christened.

1562, May 17.—John Wyngatt was Christened.

1562, May 18.—The son of John Wyngatt was buried.

1569, Apr. 5.—Prudence ye d. of Mr. Lucke of Sondo^r [Sundon] was buried.

1572, June 8.—John Woodward & Elizabeth Milward were married.

1573, Nov. 26.—Tho. Gregory & Isabell Rudde were married.

1574, Aug. 8.—John Wyngatt, householder was buried.

1576, Oct. 31.—Eliz'th. ye wife of Wm. Vausse was buried.

1578, Aug. 12.—Thomas Nokes of Londo' was buried.

1588, Oct. 27.—John Cockyne [? Cokayne] & Mared Prior were maryed.

1595, Nov. 16.—Wm. ye s. of Tho. Norton was christened.

1597, Feb. 6.—Wm. Capo' of Londo' was buried.

1600, May 7.—Alys ye d. of Thomas Norton was chrystened.

1604, Oct. 17.—Annys ye d. of Thomas Norton was chrystened.

1607, Jan. 1.—Mary, ye d. of Thomas Norton was chrystened.

1610, Feb. 2.—Thomas, ye s. of Thomas Norton was chrystened.

1612, Nov. 8.—Ann, ye d. of Thomas Norton was buried.

1613, Jan. 20.—Alyce ye wife of Rich. Duxon of Londo' was buried.

1616, Sept. 12, Water Gyles, minister, was burred.

1619, May 18.—Thomas, s. of Thos. Norton was burred.

1619, Oct. 10.—Alice, the wife of Willm. Vause bur.

1622, Apr. 29.—Samuel ffulkes, minister, bur.

1623, Feb. 9.—Phillip Payne, gentleman, & Dorothy Brasyer were married.

1625, May 18.—William, the son of Phillip Payne, gentleman, was christened.

1625, Dec. 21.—John Needham of Wembley, gent., and Anne Denton were married.

1626, March 4.—John Gardner, curate, & Elizabeth Childe were married.

1633, June 1.—Anne, d. of Thomas Crawley was christened.

1633, Oct. 27.—Ann, d. of John Gardner, minister, was christened.

1633, Jan. 4.—John, s. of Matthew Denton, Esq., buried.

1634, Aug. 22.—Timothy, s. of Wm. Vausse, bur.

1635, Sept. 12.—Francis, s. of John Denny, gentleman, & Mary his wife, christened.

1637, Apr. 12.—Wm. s. of John Gardner, minister, & Elizabeth his wife, christened.

1640, Apr. 29.—Matthew, s. of Nicolas Denton, gent., was baptized.

1640, Sept. 10.—Matthew Denton Esq. was bur.

1641, June 10.—Marie, the d. of Thomas Cheney, gent. was baptized.

1641, Sept. 12.—John, s. of John Gardner, minister, was baptized.

1641, Sept. 12.—Judith, d. of Nicholas Denton, gent., was baptized.

1643, July 4.—Elizabeth, d. of John Gardner, minister, was baptized.

1645, Apr. 30.—William Vaux buried.

1645, May 7.—Robt. Viney, minister, & Judith Kent were married.

1645, July 25.—Mary, d. of John Gardner minister, was buried.

1645, Sept. 7.—Sarah, d. of Thomas Gerey baptized.

1646, Oct. 21.—Robert, s. of Robert Viney, minister, was buried.

1647, Jan. 17.—Judith, d. of Robert Viney, minister, was baptized.

1648, Feb. 27.—John, s. of Robt. Viney, minister, was baptized.

1649, July 12.—Judith, d. of Robt. Viney, minister, was buried.

1650, Nov. 13.—Mr. Nicholas Denton, buried.

1650, March 18.—Robert, s. of Robt. Viney, minister, baptized.

1652, July 12.—David, s. of Robt. Viney, minister, baptized.

1654, July 27.—Thomas Egleton, s. of Christopher Egleton of Eddlesborough, Esq., & Ann Denton, eld. d. Nich. Denton, late of Barton, Esq., deceased were married by Edm. Wingate.

1662, Aug. 18.—John Norton, Rector, buried & interred in the Chancel.

1662, Sept. 10.—Thomas Crawley, buried.

1662, Oct. 26.—Wm., s. of Wm. Capon & Catherine his wife, bapt.

1664, Apr. 4.—Wm. s. of Thos. Crawley baptized, bur. Apr. 4.

1664, June 5.—Dr. Geo Parish & Mrs. Ann Crawley were married.

1667, Aug. 24.—Barbara, d. of Mr. Nich. Denton, & Caroline his wife bapt.

1668.—Mr. William Denton buried.

1668, June 23.—Matthew, s. of Mr. Matt. Denton & Mary his wife, bapt.

1670, Feb. 4.—John Norman & Ann Gascoyn were married.

1671, June 22.—Mr. John Papworth & Mrs. Mary Roberts were married.

1672, April 10.—Mr. Charles Mordent of London, & Mrs. Judith Crouch were married.

1672, May 17.—Etheldred, d. of Mr. Matthew Denton & Mary his wife, bapt.

1672, May 21.—Carola, d. of Mr. Nicholas Denton & Carola his wife, bapt.

1673, July 18.—Carola, d. of Mr. Matthew Denton & Mary his wife, bapt.

1673, Nov. 8.—Mr. John Rutland buried.

1674, July 18.—Nicholas, s. of Mr. Nicholas Denton & Carola, bapt.

1674, Feb. 14.—Mary, d. of Matthew Denton & Mary his wife, bapt.

1675, Feb. 3.—Nicholas, s. of Mr. Nicholas Denton, buried.

1676, May 22.—Nicholas, s. of Mr. Nicholas & Carola his wife, bapt.

1677, May 25.—Dr. Thomas Crawley, Rector, buried in the Chancel.

1678, May 12.—Richard Norton, Gent., buried in wollen.

1678, Aug. 27.—Matthew, s. of Nicholas Denton, Esq., & Carola his wife, bapt.

1680, Nov. 11.—Anne ye d. of Mr. Arthur Humphreys [Rector] & Anne his wife borne Oct. 26, bapt. Nov. 11.

1680, Dec. 2.—Mary d. of Richard Norton, gent., bur.

1681, Oct. 25.—Ann Capon, Spinster, bur.

1681, Jan. 4.—Arnold, s. of Arthur Humphreys, Rector, bur.

1682, May 17.—Katherine Humphreys, Spinster, bur.

1682, June 18.—Penelope, d. of Arthur Humphreys, Rector, & Anne borne June 18, bapt. same day.

1682, Aug. 9.—Matthew Denton, Gent., bur.

1683, Nov. 14.—Anne Norton, relict of Mr. Richard Norton of Hitchin, co. Hertf. bur.

1684. May 20.—Thomas, s. of Alexander Cotes, of London, bapt.

1684, May 24.—Nicholas Aspinall, Clerke, & Elizab. Kings, gentlewo' married.

1686, Apr. 1.—Elizabeth, d. of Mr. Nicholas Aspinall, bur.

1687, March 2.—Elizabeth, d. of George Wakeman, gent., bapt.

1689, March 22.—Sarah, d. of George Wakeman, gent., bapt.

1691, Jan. 14.—William, s. of George Wakeman, bapt.

1692, Dec. 20.—Mr. Nicholas Sampson Cur. of little Wimley buried.

1692, Feb. 17.—Mary, d. of George Wakeman, gent., bapt. Bur. Sept. 28.

1693, Dec. 14.—John Rewse Vicar of Roxton & Grace Sampson of Little Wimley, wid.

1694, Dec. 5.—Edward, s. of George Wakeman, Gent., Bapt.

1695, Apr. 18.—Mrs. Ann Norton of Hitchin, wid., bur.

1696, Mar. 5.—Richard, s. of George Wakeman, gent., Bapt.

1697, Apr. 4.—Mathew Ashwell & Arabell Stokes, wid., mar.

1697, Sept. 26.—Eliza, d. of Mathew Ashwell & Arabell his wife, bapt.

1698, Apr. 4.—Elizabeth, d. of ffrancis Aldridge, Attorney who liues now with Mr. Denton bur.

1698, July 6.—Theodore, s. of George Wakeman, gent., chyrugian, bapt.

1699, Apr. 14.—William, s. of Mr. George Wakeman, surgeon, bur.

1699, Apr. 28.—William, s. of John Hanscome, bapt.

1700, July 14.—Anne, d. of Matthew Ashwell farmer & Arabell his wife, bapt.

1700, Jan. 7.—Anne, the wife of Arthur Humphreys, Rector of this Church, Bur.

1700, Jan. 11.—William Denton, gent., Bur.

1700, Jan. 14.—Mary, d. of Mr. Wakeman, a chyrugian, Bapt.

1704, March 13.—Henrietta Maria, d. of Arthur Humphreys, clerk: Rector of this Church, & of Jane his wife, Bapt.

1705, Apr. 12.—Henrietta Maria Humphreys Bur.

1706, Apr. 22.—Matthew Denton, gent., & Elizabeth Crouch of Barton, widdow, were married by Licence.

1706, Feb. 21.—Matthew, s. of Matthew Denton Gent., & Elizabeth his wife, Bapt.

1708, Sept. 15.—Rosamond, d. of Mr. Matthew Denton & Eliz. his wife was born.

* 1709, Dec. 3.—Judith, d. of (Mr.) Matthew Denton & Eliz. his wife, Bapt.

1709, Dec. 27.—James Smith of Sharpenhoe in the parish of Streatley and Penelope Humphreys of this parish by Lycence.

1711, Oct. 20.—Mrs. Carola Denton Bur.

1711, Oct. 27.—Nicholas, s. of Mr. Matthew Denton & of Eliz. his wife, Bapt.

* The word "Mr." added by a later hand.

1711, Oct. 29.—Nicholas Denton, junior, Bur.

1714, Jan. 12.—Sarah, d. of Mr. Robert Woodward & Susa' his wife, Bapt.

1715, Feb. 4.—Anne, d. of Mr. Robert Woodward & Susa' his wife, Bapt.

1716, June 21.—Nicholas Denton, Gent., Bur.

1717, Sept. 4.—Thomas, s. of Mr. Robert Woodward & Susan his wife, Bapt.

1718, Oct. 14.—Arthur Humphrey, Rec. of ys p'r'sh, Bur.

1719, Nov. 3.—Jane, d. of Edward Willes, Rector of this Church & of Jane his wife, Bapt.

1720, May 5.—Mr. Thomas Woodward Bur.

1720, Sept. 20.—Anne, d. of Edward Willis, Rector of this Parish, & of Jane his wife, Bapt.

1721, Aug. 30.—Edward, s. of Edward Willis, Rector of this Church, & of Jane his wife, Bapt.

1722, Oct. 25.—Martha & Mary, twin daur's of Robt. Woodward, Gent., & of Susanna his wife, Bapt.

1728, Dec. 26.—John Field of Hitchin, Gent., Bur. in Linnen.

1729, Sept. 23.—Luke Brasier & Grace Field, p'r Licence.

1730, Nov. 22.—Elizabeth, d. of Matthew & Sarah Field, Bapt.

1731, Oct. 28.—Elizabeth, wife of George Abell, gent., of Rome, Bur.

1735, March 18.—Elizabeth Denton, wife of Matthew Denton, gent., Bur.

1737, Jan. 3.—Thomas Field & Elizab. Brazier, p. Lic.

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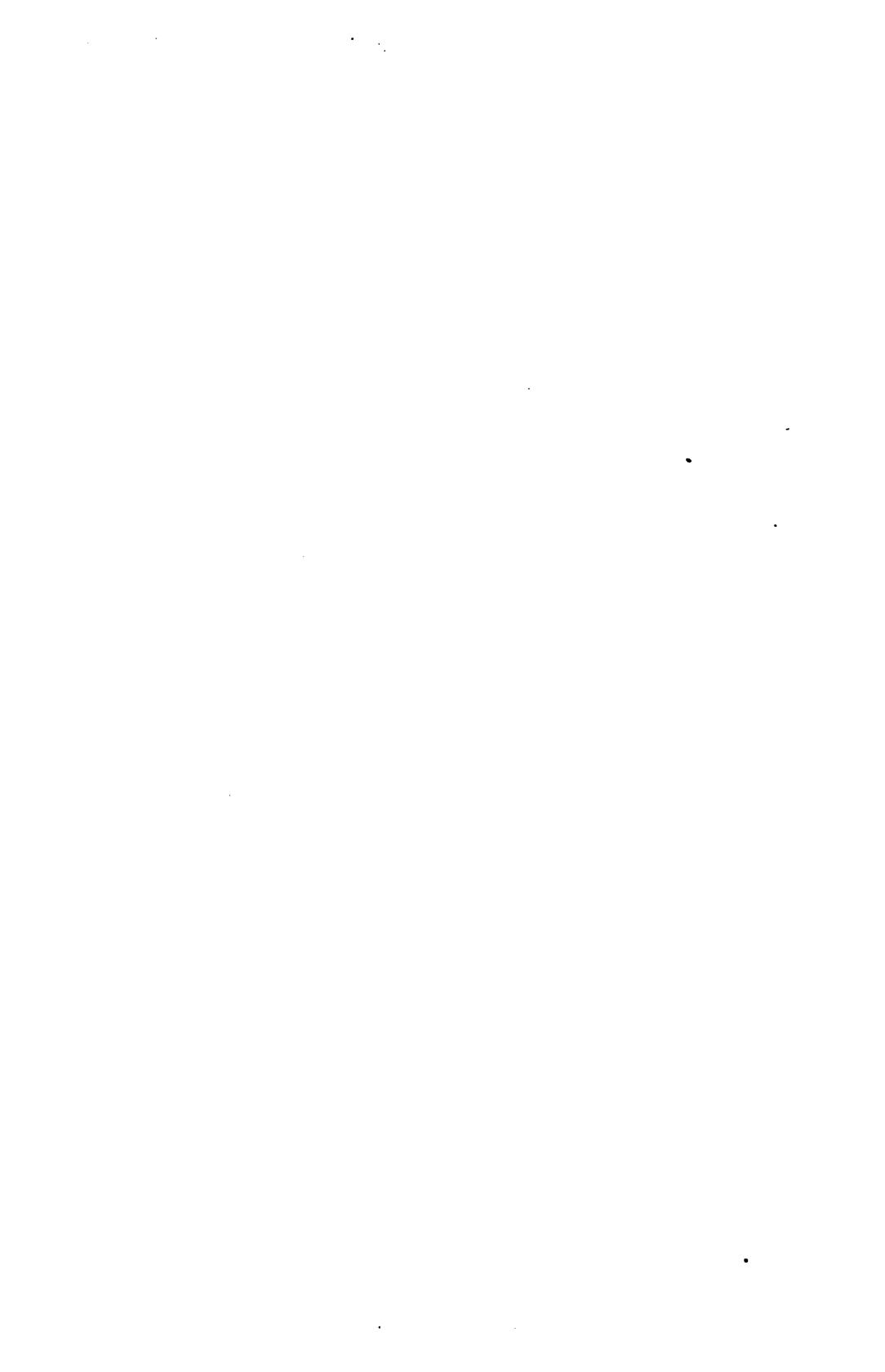
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